

BLESSED PEACE

Ephesians 2:11-22 – Pastor Nick Thompson

I. We once were alienated from God and His people (vv. 11-12).

- A. We were strangers to God's covenant.
- B. We were strangers to God's salvation.

II. We now are reconciled to God and His people (vv. 13-22).

- A. We are brought near through Christ's cross (vv. 13-16).
- B. We are brought near through Christ's word (v. 17).
- C. We are brought near through Christ's Spirit (vv. 18-22).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Why does Paul begin v. 11 with the word "Therefore"? What does this teach us about the relationship between salvation and the church?
2. What are we commanded to remember here? Why is it important for us to remember our spiritual past?
3. How did Christ's death purchase peace? Is this peace between God and sinners or between sinner and sinner?
4. What images does Paul use in vv. 19-22 to speak of the church's unity/oneness?
5. How does division among Christians contradict the gospel?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Do I regularly reflect on my former life in sin? Or am I forgetful of what God delivered me from?
2. Is the gospel working itself out in my life in peaceful, loving relationships with other believers?
3. Are there any relationship(s) I have with fellow-Christians that contradict the peace of the gospel? Why is this so devastating?