

“We Belong”
(Eph. 2:11-22)

Big Idea: We were alienated but now in Christ we belong.

We were alienated (11-12)

But now in Christ (13-18)

We belong (19-22)

We were alienated (11-12)

¹¹Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Without

Christ

Citizenship

Covenants of promise

Hope

God

But now in Christ (13-18)

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

But now

In Christ Jesus

Brought near

By the blood of Christ

He is our peace (14-16)

¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinance

He

Is our peace

Made us one

Broke down the dividing wall barrier
(picture of the dividing wall in the Temple)

By abolishing

that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,¹⁶and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

To create one new man.

To reconcile both to God.

He preached peace (17-18)

¹⁷And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Equal access.

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither **slave** nor **free**, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Gal. 3:28).*

We belong (19-22)

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,

To God's Kingdom (19a) *you are fellow citizens with the saints*

To God's Family (19b) *and members of the household of God*

To God's Temple (20-22) built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Jesus is the cornerstone. (picture of a cornerstone)

We are being joined/built together.

Dwelling place for God.

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Application

How can I live my life in a way that reflects the fact that because I am in Christ, I belong?