

# Refreshed

## Rediscovering Life In Christ

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#### Ephesians 2:11-22

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#### **The Reality Of What Christ Has Done:**

##### **Paul Reminds Us What We Were Without Christ.**

- We Were Separated from God's People.
- We Were Separated from God Himself.
- We Were Without Hope and Without God.

##### **Paul Reminds Us What Christ Has Done.**

- Christ Has Brought Us Near.
- Christ Himself Is Our Peace.
- Christ Has Broken Down the Wall of Hostility.
- Christ Has Created One New Humanity.
- Christ Has Reconciled Us to God and to Each Other.

##### **Paul Reminds Us What We Have Become Together.**

- We Are Fellow Citizens.
- We Are Members of God's Household.
- We Are Being Built into a Spiritual Temple.
- We Are a Dwelling Place for God.

##### **Paul Calls Us To Live as One New People.**

- Unity Is Not Optional.
- Our Differences Are Not Erased – They Are Redeemed.
- The Church Displays God's Work.

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Matters for Reflection and Discussion:

1. When Paul describes life “without Christ,” what specific conditions stand out to you most, and why do you think he emphasizes them?
2. What does it practically mean that we were once “far off”? In what ways can people still experience that kind of distance today?
3. How does remembering our past separation from God and others shape our gratitude and humility in the present?
4. Paul says that Christ “has brought us near.” What are some tangible ways believers can live in light of that nearness to God?
5. What does it mean that “Christ himself is our peace,” rather than simply giving us peace? How is that different?
6. In today’s context, what kinds of “dividing walls of hostility” still exist, and how does the gospel speak to those divisions?
7. Paul says Christ has created “one new humanity.” How should this truth affect the way we view cultural, ethnic, or personal differences within the church?
8. What does it look like in everyday church life to be “fellow citizens” and “members of God’s household,” rather than just attendees or individuals?
9. The passage describes believers as being built into a “dwelling place for God.” How does this shape our understanding of both personal holiness and corporate worship?
10. If the church is meant to display God’s reconciling work, what specific steps can you and/or our church take to better reflect that unity and peace?