

With the Master in Heavenly Places—Lesson 6—Ephesians 2:11-18—From Hopeless to Hopeful!



1. (a) Read Ephesians 2:11-18 and list all the disadvantages the Gentiles had before Christ, as well as the advantages they received after Christ. (b) How did you and do you find these to be true in your own life? (c) What are some other disadvantages you had before your salvation, and what are some other advantages you have now because of your salvation?

2. Memorize Ephesians 2:18.

3. (a) Several times in Ephesians 2:11-18 Paul mentions that Jew and Gentile both have the same privileges in Christ because of the blood of Christ. According to the following verses, what are some of those privileges we both have? Romans 3:21-30; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:26-29; Ephesians 3:6. (b) According to the following passages, what will take place in the future when both Jew and Gentile have been gathered together in one? Revelation 7:9-17; Revelation 21:24-27.

4. (a) Paul mentions in Ephesians 2:18 that those who are redeemed have access to the Father. According to Romans 5:2, how do we obtain this access? (b) What are the blessings of having access to the Father, according to Hebrews 4:15, 16; Hebrews 10:19, 20; and 1 John 2: 1, 2? (c) What are some personal blessings you have experienced by having access to the Father?

5. (a) What are some ways in which you think Christians today show partiality to those who are of different ethnicity or social status? (b) Do you look down upon those who are not like you or who you think are not as privileged as you are? (c) What do you think Christ would say to this? (You can use the passage we studied Ephesians or other passages to remind yourself of what God thinks.)

6. (a) Paul mentions three times in these verses that Christ is our peace (Ephesians 2:14, 15, 17). Do you have this peace that comes from knowing the Savior? (b) Is there something that is robbing you of your peace today? Why not cast it on the blessed Savior! Write your need in a prayer request.