

2. Put your name in the blanks from Ephesians 2:13-18:

But now in Christ Jesus _____
who sometimes was far off are made nigh (has been brought very near) ***by the blood of Christ.***

For He is _____'s peace, who hath made both one (Jew and Gentile), and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

Having abolished in His flesh (His own crucified body) the enmity (the resentment caused by) the law of commandments contained in ordinances (which He annulled) ; for to make in Himself of twain one new man so making peace (and at last there was peace);

And that He might reconcile both (which includes _____) unto God in one body ***by the cross***, having slain the enmity thereby (_____ 's anger has disappeared):

And came and preached peace to you _____ which were afar off, and to them which were nigh (the Jews).

For through Him all of us, with the help of the Holy Spirit, have excess unto the Father and we are no more strangers and foreigners, but members of God's family, and country, and household (Ephesians 2:18,19).

We are a spiritual house built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly

SECOND STUDY

EPHESIAN'S SPIRITUAL HISTORY

SIN IS THE DEATH OF THE SOUL (Ephesians 2:1-7)

And you hath He quickened. Ephesians 1:1. Paul, now, turns from revealing the wonderful working of the Divine power on Christ, to how that same power of Christ was working marvelously on the Ephesians themselves.

"The wages of sin is death." As a result of man's sin, there are three deaths. Keep in mind that death does not annihilate; it separates. In the Garden of Eden, it separated man from God spiritually; this is spiritual death. In natural death, it separates the spirit and the soul from the body; this is physical death. In final death, it separates man from the mercy of God forever; this is eternal death. ¹ (Ref., see Isaiah 55:7; 59:1,2; I Corinthians 15:26,54-57; Ezekiel 18:20; Revelation 20:14; Luke 16:19-31).

1. (a) In time past we walked according to 3 things: (Ephesians 2:2)

- (1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____

- (b) We had also our conversation in time past in _____

1. The Open Bible, notes, p. 1106.

2 things. What are they? (Ephesians 2:3)

(1) _____

(2) _____

(c) According to Ephesians 2:3b, By nature, what were we? _____

2. But what did God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love, do for us? (Ephesians 2:4-7) _____

THE GRACE OF GOD (Ephesians 2:8-10)

1. (a) The entire process of Salvation is stated in Ephesians 2:8,13. What is it? _____

(b) Memorize Ephesians 2:8,9.

(c) Why is works not included in the process of Salvation? (Ephesians 2:9) _____

From the foundation of the world, God ordained (prepared) for us that we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, that we should walk in those good works (Ephesians 2:10).

Paul reminds us, that **works** have a place in God's salvation. When grace operates through faith, a new man is created **unto good works** (10), as God had originally intended. **Good works**, which are in keeping with those elements of the law of God are retained in Christ, follow the experience of faith. And to the man of faith these **good works** are not human works, but God's works inspired by the ministry of the Spirit in his life. Hence the new life in Christ is a manifestation of the mighty power of God! ¹

THE UNITY OF ALL BELIEVERS (Ephesians 2:11-22)

1. What does Paul want these believers to remember about their past, in Ephesians 2:11,12? _____

"Never forget that once you were heathens. You were called unclean by the Jews. You had been enemies of God's children and He had promised you no help. You were far away from God."

1. Beacon Bible Commentary, volume 9, p. 174.