

**WHY**

QUESTIONS THAT DESERVE ANSWERS

PART 6

**“WHY... THE GOSPEL IS ENOUGH!”**

**“Equal Access: Welcome to a New Temple that is Barrier Free”**

(Ephesians 2:11-22)

**INTRODUCTION:**

“...for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.”

—Ephesians 2:18

• **THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE EPHESIAN LETTER:**

- God’s new \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

“...you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household...”

—Ephesians 2:19

• **THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE EPHESIAN LETTER:**

- The Connection between Our \_\_\_\_\_ and Our \_\_\_\_\_.

“Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called...”

—Ephesians 4:1

• **THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE EPHESIAN LETTER:**

- That we might come to a greater understanding and genuine experience of the life-changing community that the Father has \_\_\_\_\_ for us, that Christ has \_\_\_\_\_ for us, and that the Spirit makes \_\_\_\_\_ for us. To know that we are not only \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_.

“...the Gentiles are fellow heirs and fellow members of the body, and fellow partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel...”

—Ephesians 3:6

**PREVIOUSLY, FROM THE SERIES ON GRACE: EPHESIANS 2:1-10**

1. The Amazing DEPTH FROM which we have been Delivered (2:1-3)
2. The Amazing HEIGHT TO which we have been Delivered (2:4-6)
3. The Amazing GRACE BY which we have been Delivered (2:7-9)
4. The Amazing PURPOSE FOR which we have been Delivered (2:10)

**1A. \_\_\_\_\_ WHAT YOU WERE (“Formerly”): \_\_\_\_\_ (2:11, 12)**

“Therefore **remember**, that **formerly** you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands – remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.”

2A. \_\_\_\_\_ **WHAT HE'S DONE ("But Now"):** \_\_\_\_\_ (2:13-18)

"But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace,..."

1B. The \_\_\_\_\_ has been removed. (v. 13)

"...you who formerly were far off have been brought near..."

2B. The \_\_\_\_\_ has been removed. (v. 14)

"...who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall..."

3B. The \_\_\_\_\_ has been removed. (v. 15a, 16, 17)

"...by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances... establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near..."

4B. The \_\_\_\_\_ has been removed. (v. 15b)

"...that in Himself He might make the two into one new man..."

3A. \_\_\_\_\_ **WHAT YOU ARE ("So Then"):** \_\_\_\_\_ (2:19-22)

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,..."

1B. ...in God's new \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 19a)

"...but you are fellow citizens with the saints..."

2B. ...in God's new \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 19b)

"...and are of God's household,..."

3B. ...in God's new \_\_\_\_\_ . (v. 20-22)

"...a holy temple in the Lord, ...a dwelling of God in the Spirit."

1C. Its \_\_\_\_\_ :

"...having been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,..."

2C. Its \_\_\_\_\_ :

"...in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit."

**CONCLUSION:**