

Joined Together In Jesus

Ephesians 2:11-22

Main Idea

Because of Jesus, every believer belongs in the family God is building.

- Before Jesus, we were beyond hope: v 11-12
- Before Jesus, we were _____ from God's people and promises, separated from Christ and without God, and without hope.
- By Jesus, we have been brought near: v 13-18
- With His death on the cross, Jesus destroyed the _____ which separated us from God and others.
 - Because of Jesus, we have peace with God and peace with all God's people.
- In Jesus, we are being built together: v 19-22
- Because of Jesus, we are now members of God's household and we are being built together into God's spiritual temple.

Implications

- Jesus is the only hope for peace and unity in a divided world.
 - God's acceptance of us trumps human rejection and exclusion (v 11).
 - Our unity in Christ supersedes all superficial and external differences.

Application

- Focus on our unity in Christ rather than external differences.
- Strive to include people who fall outside the cultural norms of our church.