

It's Complicated

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For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Jew and Gentile Reconciled Through Christ. Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)—

EPHESIANS 2:10-11



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Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,

EPHESIANS 2:12-14



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by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

EPHESIANS 2:15-18



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Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

EPHESIANS 2:19-22



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Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

EPHESIANS 5:25-27





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**FIRST, PAUL JOGS MEMORIES
(10-12)**





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**SECOND, PAUL DOUBLES DOWN
ON THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
(13-18)**





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**THIRD, PAUL PLACES WE
ABOVE ME
(19-22)**



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SO WHAT?

1. Embrace the communal aspect of our faith and your formation.
2. Disappointed with the church? Remember that the church is not perfect but is being made perfect as a means of revealing Christ.
3. Commit to being put right so that you can help put the world to right.



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