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"THROUGH HIM WE BOTH HAVE ACCESS"

(Ephesians 2:11 – 22)

INTRODUCTION

(Ephesians 2:13) "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ"

(v14) "For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one ... "

(v18) "For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father."

1. BACKGROUND FOR SEPARATION OF JEW & GENTILE

(Genesis 10) gives us a table of nations, out of which would come the Hebrews.

(v1) "Now this is the genealogy of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth"

(v32) "... and from these the nations were divided on the earth after the flood"

(Genesis 11:10) "This is the genealogy of Shem ... "

(v26) "Now Terah lived 70 years, and begot Abram, Nahor, and Haran."

The promise to Abram is next: (Genesis 12:1-7)

(v5) "... and they departed to go to the land of Canaan ... "

(Genesis 14:13) "... Abram the Hebrew ... "

(Gen. 17:7) "And I will establish My covenant between Me and you ... descendants ..."

(v5) "... but your name shall be Abraham ... "

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob: (Genesis 32:28) "no longer be called Jacob, but Israel."

The law given at Mt. Sinai: (Exodus 19:5-6) "... keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people, for all the earth is Mine."

Moses reminds Israel of this event: (Deuteronomy 5:1-2; 7:1-7)

The term "Jews" first used at the end of 70 years captivity: (Nehemiah 1:2)

2. "GENTILES" used to refer to non-Jewish nations, or in contrast to the Jews.

(Luke 21:24; John 4:9; Acts 9:15, Acts 10:28)

3. (EPHESIANS 2:11 – 22) (v13) "we both have access"

(v12) "AT THAT TIME YOU WERE" / (v13) "BUT NOW IN CHRIST JESUS"

1. (v12) "were without Christ" / (v13) "but now in Christ"

2. (v12) "being aliens from the commonwealth" / (v19) "fellow-citizens"

3. (v12) "strangers from the covenants" / (v19) "members of the household"

4. (v12) "no hope" / (v15) "one new man from the two"

5. (v12) "without God in the world" / (v18) "through Him we both have access"

6. (v13) "you who once were far off" / (v13) "have been brought near by the blood"

7. (v15) "the enmity" / (v16) "reconcile both ... putting to death the enmity"