

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

Ephesians 2:11-3:21

¹⁰For we are God's **workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

EPHESIANS 2:10 NIV (1984)

A Classic Conflict: **HOSTILITY**

¹¹Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)—¹²remember 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.

EPHESIANS 2:11-12 NIV (1984)

A Supernatural Solution: **PEACE**

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

EPHESIANS 2:13-18 NIV (1984)

A Powerful Testimony: **UNITY**

¹⁹Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²²And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

EPHESIANS 2:19-22 NIV (1984)



A Model to Follow: Paul's Calling

Ephesians 3

Verse 1: Paul Is God's Prisoner – Why?

Verses 2-6: God's Secret Plan – The Church

Verses 7-9: Paul's Role in God's Plan – Servant

Verses 10-12: The Purpose of the Church – Education and Access

Verses 13-21: Paul's Request and Prayer

13: To not be discouraged

14-19: That they will grasp God's love

20-21: Doxology

Assignments

1. Read Ephesians 2:11-3:21 again, following the outline provided above.
2. How does this long section relate to Paul's opening prayer in Ephesians 1:17-19 concerning the hope of their calling and future inheritance?

3. PRAYER: Ask God to clarify His calling (the special good work in Ephesians 2:10) He has prepared for you.
4. OPTIONAL: For deeper understanding, read pages 208-212 of the *Discover Your True Self* book or listen to the Day 18 audiobook excerpt.