

Text: Ephesians 2:11-22

Topics: Hope, Peace, Separation from God

Ephesians: When Faith is Strong, But the Fire Isn't

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Don't Forget!

I. You Once Were (11-13)

Remember, it is the blood of Christ that has brought the once far from God, near to God.

II. You Have Been (14-18)

That which kept us from peace with God, and with each other, was abolished on the cross.

III. You Now Are (19-22)

Together we are the people of God, joined and growing together in Christ through the Holy Spirit.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Reflect for a bit on your "B.C." (before Christ) days. If you had never come to believe and follow Christ, what would your life be like today?
2. Read 1 Peter 3:10-12. What are the consequences for not living the way God prescribed? See also Isaiah 59:2. Have you experienced the consequences of living outside the will of God? Explain what it was like.
3. What does Paul call a "pitiful" state for the believer in 1 Corinthians 15:19? What does it look like in present day life? Does it ever describe you? Explain.
4. Read Romans 5:1-2. What does a person need in order to have peace with God? What is the hope we have received when we received peace with God?

How would you explain the value of having this peace and this hope to one who has yet to come to personal faith in Christ? Can you make reference to your personal experience in your explanation?
5. Read Hebrews 4:14-16. What makes having Jesus as our High Priest so valuable? See also Hebrews 7:23-25.

What was the most significant time in your life, apart from the time of your salvation, when you found this help? When was the last time you experienced it?
6. Read Philippians 3:17-21. How does Paul describe those who don't follow his example? What have they lost sight of?

Give an example how believing and living verses 20-21 have an effect on your life.
7. What is the main application of this study, and/or Ephesians 2:11-22 and the sermon, for you?