## **Ephesians 2:11-16 • Unity in Christ Alone**

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Acts 15:1 But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."

Acts 15:2 And after Paul and Barnabas had **no small dissension** and **debate with them**, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question.

Acts 15:5 But some **believers** who belonged to the **party of the Pharisees** rose up and said, "It is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses."

Acts 15:6 The **apostles** and the **elders** were gathered together to **consider this** matter.

Acts 15:7 And after there had been **much debate**, Peter stood up and said to them, "Brothers, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that by my mouth the **Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.** 

Acts 15:8 And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us,

Acts 15:9 and he made no distinction between us and them, having cleansed their hearts by faith.

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed **people for God** from every **tribe** and **language** and **people** and **nation**,

Mark 7:6 And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

Mark 7:7 in vain do they worship me, **teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**'

Mark 7:8 You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

Mark 7:9 And he said to them, "You have a fine way of **rejecting the commandment of God** in order to establish your **tradition!** 

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Genesis 15:4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir."

Genesis 15:5 And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."

Genesis 15:6 And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

## Abraham age 99

Genesis 17:10 This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: **Every male among you shall be circumcised.** 

Genesis 17:11 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a **sign of the covenant** between me and you.

Genesis 17:14 Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

Romans 3:30 since **God** is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

Romans 4:9 Is this blessing then **only for the circumcised**, or also for the **uncircumcised?** For we say that **faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness.** 

Romans 4:10 How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised.

Romans 4:11 He received the **sign of circumcision** as a **seal of the righteousness that he had by faith** while **he was still uncircumcised**. The purpose was to make him the father of **all who believe without being circumcised**, so that righteousness would be counted to them as well,

Ephesians 1:12 so that we (Jews) who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13 In him you (Gentiles) also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,** 

Ephesians 1:14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Romans 2:28 For **no one is a Jew** who is **merely one outwardly**, **nor is circumcision outward and physical.** 

Romans 2:29 But a **Jew is one inwardly**, and **circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit**, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Galatians 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:2 Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you.

Galatians 5:6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

Galatians 6:15 For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation.

Philippians 3:3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh—

Colossians 2:11 In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ,

Colossians 3:11 Here there is not **Greek** and **Jew**, **circumcised** and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Romans 9:3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of **my brothers**, **my kinsmen according to the flesh**.

Romans 9:4 **They are Israelites**, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.

Romans 9:5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Romans 9:6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel,

Romans 9:7 and **not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring,** but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."

Galatians 3:28 There is neither **Jew** nor **Greek**, there is neither **slave** nor **free**, there is no **male** and **female**, **for you are all one in Christ Jesus**.

Galatians 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Ephesians 2:11 **Therefore remember** that at one time you **Gentiles** in the flesh, called "**the uncircumcision**" by what is called the **circumcision**, which is **made in the flesh by hands**—

Ephesians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints (*Jews & Gentiles*) who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

Ephesians 1:2 Grace to you (*Jews & Gentiles*) and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us (*Jews & Gentiles*) in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Ephesians 1:4 even as he chose us (*Jews & Gentiles*) in him before the foundation of the world, that we (*Jews & Gentiles*) should be holy and blameless before him. In love

Ephesians 1:5 he predestined us (*Jews & Gentiles*) for adoption to himself as sons (*Jews & Gentiles*) through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

Ephesians 1:6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us (*Jews & Gentiles*) in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1:7 In him we (*Jews & Gentiles*) have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,

Ephesians 1:8 which he lavished upon us (Jews & Gentiles), in all wisdom and insight

Ephesians 1:9 making known to us (*Jews & Gentiles*) the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ

Ephesians 1:10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Ephesians 1:11 In him we (**Jews & Gentiles**) have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will,

Ephesians 1:12 so that we (**Jews**) who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:13 In him you (**Gentiles**) also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and **believed in him**, were **sealed with the promised Holy Spirit**,

Ephesians 1:14 who is the **guarantee** of our (*Jews & Gentiles*) inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1:22 And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the **church** (**Jews & Gentiles**),

Ephesians 1:23 which is **his body** (**Jews & Gentiles**), the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ephesians 2:1 And you (**Jews & Gentiles, His body the church**) were dead in the trespasses and sins

Ephesians 2:2 in which you (**Jews & Gentiles, His body the church**) once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—

Ephesians 2:3 among whom we all (**Jews & Gentiles, His body the church**) once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 2:4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us (Jews & Gentiles, His body the church),

Ephesians 2:5 even when we were **dead in our trespasses**, made us (**Jews & Gentiles**, **His body the church**) alive together with Christ—by grace you (**Jews & Gentiles**, **His body the church**) have been saved—

Ephesians 2:6 and raised us (**Jews & Gentiles**, **His body the church**) up with him and seated us (**Jews & Gentiles**, **His body the church**) with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

Ephesians 2:7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us (**Jews & Gentiles, His body the church**) in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:8 For by grace you (**Jews & Gentiles, His body the church**) have been saved through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

Ephesians 2:9 not a result of works, so that no one (**Jews & Gentiles, His body the church**) may boast.

Ephesians 2:10 For we (**Jews & Gentiles, His body the church**) are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:11 **Therefore remember** that at one time you **Gentiles in the flesh**, called **"the uncircumcision"** by what is called the circumcision, which is **made in the flesh by hands—** 

Ephesians 2:12 **remember** that you were at that time **separated from Christ**, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, **having no hope and without God in the world.** 

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

Ephesians 2:14 For he himself is **our peace**, who has **made us both one** and has broken down **in his flesh** the **dividing wall** of hostility

Ephesians 2:15 by **abolishing the law** of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might **create** in himself **one new man** in place of the **two**, so **making peace**,

Ephesians 2:16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

John 13:35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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Ephesians 2:8-9 For **by grace you have been saved** through **faith**. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, **so that no one may boast.** 

1Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.