

SERMON NOTES



Ephesians

*“Becoming Who You Are
in Christ!”*

Week 4: “Fellow Citizens!”

July 21, 2024

What are the ideals that are to unite us as citizens of America?

Ephesians 2:11 Therefore, 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)— 12 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.

1. Remember what you _____!

a. _____ from Christ

- *Galatians 5:4 You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace*

b. _____ from the Covenant of Promise

- *Genesis 17:14 Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”*

c. _____ God..._____ hope

- *Job 27:8 For what hope have the godless when they are cut off, when God takes away their life?*

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by 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, 16 and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

2. Remember what Christ _____!

- a. **Broke down the _____ by fulfilling the _____.**
- b. **Ended the _____ by giving up his _____.**
- c. **Established _____ to give access to _____.**

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

3. Remember who you _____!

a. Citizen with God's _____

- *1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

b. Fit together to be God's _____

- *1 Peter 2:4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

c. Built together to be God's _____

- *1 Corinthians 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?*

Become who you are..._____!

Everyone Outreach Witness Idea: As you get in discussions about politics, perhaps use the opportunity to share a more important citizenship we enjoy because of what Christ has done for us!

NEXT SUNDAY: Becoming Who You Are!

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7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace 8 that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. Ephesians 1:7-8

MY PERSONAL NOTES

SERMON REFLECTIONS: Apply to My Life

The thought the Spirit is leading me to focus on is:

The change the Spirit is leading me to work on is:

The action the Spirit is prompting me to take is:

My prayers today are:

Someone I would like to bless with today's message: