

Bible Study for July 12-18, 2021

Read: Ephesians 2:11-22

Notes:

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

Questions to Ponder:

From where did you or your ancestors come? What did their new citizenship mean to them (or to you)? What does citizenship mean to you today?

Before Christ, what problems did the Gentiles face?

What is "the bomb" that Jesus dropped on the old religious class system of the day?

What impact might verses 14-18 have had on the divisions between Jews and Gentiles?

How is the reconciling work of Christ (verses 19-22) like new citizenship?

Are there still some kinds of "religious walls" in your congregation? What might you do about them?