

## **Bible Study 20 - What family does the Holy Spirit unite me in?**

### Read Ephesians 2:11-22

1. In the centuries before Jesus, circumcision was an outward sign that distinguished the Israelites, who followed the Scriptures, from the Gentiles, who did not believe in the Lord God. Without faith, what was the Gentiles relationship with Christ? (v. 11, 12)
2. In verse 12, the "covenant of promises" is ... (for help, Gen. 3:15; 12:3; Isaiah 9:6)
  - a) the Israelites promise to obey God's commands.
  - b) God's promise to send the Savior.
  - c) God's promise to make life on earth easy.
  - d) our promise to be faithful.
3. In verse 12, what does it mean that the Gentiles were "foreigners to the covenant of the promise"?
  - a) They did not believe the promises and so were separated from God's people.
  - b) They couldn't read it because it was in a foreign language.
  - c) They had crossed the border illegal into Israel.
  - d) They were terrorists.
4. Since they did not have faith, what two other things were they "without"? (v. 12)
5. We were not born as physical descendants of Abraham. So did we begin life as a believer or as a Gentile?
6. Through what were the Gentiles, like us, brought near to God's people? (v.13)
7. What did Jesus abolish by having his body nailed to the cross? (v. 15)
8. Jesus paid for our sins with his blood on the cross. He satisfied God's Law so that the Law cannot condemn those who are in Christ. What does this do with our relationship with God? (v. 16)
9. Since Jesus has reconciled us to God, what has he himself become for us? (v. 14)
10. To whom is this peace preached? (v. 17)
11. Through Jesus who do we have access to? (v. 18)
12. Who is at work in us to give us this access? (v. 18)
13. With the Holy Spirit working in us what have we become? (two answers) (v. 19)
14. What is the foundation for the faith the Holy Spirit worked in you? (v. 20)
15. What did the apostles and prophets write? (2 Timothy 3:16)
16. Who is the chief cornerstone with whom your faith lines up and depends on? (v. 20)
17. As you're built on Jesus, what do you become? (v. 21, 22)