"Aliens & Citizens" SERMON NOTES

Ephesians 2:11-22

Alienation & Racism will not changed by simply switching the terminology. It is linked to a much deeper issue—the condition of the human heart.

1. That Was Then (vv. 11-12)

- a. "Therefore" looking back at vv. 1-10
- b. "Remember" command to reflect (Ps 106:7)
- c. Who Were We?
 - i. Uncircumcised
 - ii. W/o the Messiah
 - iii. Alienated from Citizenship
 - iv. Strangers to the Covenants of Promise
 - v. W/o Hope
 - vi. W/o God

Remembering this, what should it move us to?

- 2. This Is Now (vv. 13-18)
 - a. v. 13 brought near because of work of Christ
 - b. vv. 14-17 peace w/ God & one another because of Christ. HE...
 - i. Made 2 Groups into 1
 - ii. Destroyed Middle Wall of Partition
 - iii. Nullified the Law in His Flesh (new law 1 Cor 9:21; Gal 6:2)
 - iv. Made/Brought Peace
 - c. v. 18 have God (access & relationship) see 3:12; Heb 4:16

What Shall We Do?

- Peace w/ God
- Peace w/ Others

3. Moving Forward (vv. 19-22)

- a. Fellow Citizens & Members of God's Household
- b. Spiritual Building
- c. Joined Together & Growinng

What Shall We Do?

- Align Yourself with the Cornerstone
- Live in Community