

# EPHESIANS

## *“Aliens & Citizens” (2:11-22) – Discussion Questions*

Questions about the sermon? How did the Lord encourage you from this text this morning? How did the Lord challenge you from this text? Thoughts you'd like to share?

1. How do you square Paul's command here to remember your spiritual past with his comments in Philippians 3:13-14 about forgetting the things behind?
2. How is it that the truth that God has chosen us for salvation can lead either (rightly) to greater humility or (wrong) to sinful pride? How can we avoid becoming proud about this? How might we be expressing pride in various ways in our lives seeing ourselves as superior to others around us?
3. Why is racial prejudice always sinful? How can we as a church guard against it? What about other forms of considering others as unequal?
4. If God is our peace, why couldn't two godly men, like Paul & Barnabas, get along in the ministry? How can we work to restore demonstrable unity among genuine believers? Reconciliation with God must be the basis of reconciliation among believers. What implications does this have for Christian unity?
5. How might we or others have an inadequate view of the church?
6. At what point should a person leave a church that has problems? What should we call problems? What criteria should he use to evaluate this? What are the important criteria for joining a church?
7. The early church didn't have official "membership." Should we? Why or why not?