



THE CAMPUS CHURCH  
LOVE AND SERVE GOD AND PEOPLE

## One – Studies in Ephesians

### *One Blood Ephesians 2:11-22*

<sup>11</sup> Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)— <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. <sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

### Dealing with division within the church

- \_\_\_\_\_ traditions and a \_\_\_\_\_ reality

Before giving their lives to Jesus	After giving their lives to Jesus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• _____ from Christ</li><li>• _____ from the Jewish common wealth</li><li>• _____ to the covenants</li><li>• Without _____ and without _____</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No longer _____</li><li>• No longer _____</li><li>• Fellow _____ in God’s kingdom</li></ul>

- \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice applied to \_\_\_\_\_ people – A \_\_\_\_\_ reconciliation

Isaiah 59

Galatians 6:14-19

- \_\_\_\_\_ people, \_\_\_\_\_ blood line - A \_\_\_\_\_ reconciliation

### Application:

- The body of Christ needs to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ a spirit of reconciliation.
- The body of Christ needs to be \_\_\_\_\_ the way in issues of reconciliation and become \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ in a world characterized by hostile division.

For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. <sup>16</sup> So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. <sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: <sup>19</sup> that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. 1 Peter 3:15-16