

# Ephesians 2:11-22

## Extra Questions

### Background

- Out of what kind of culture did God call Abram? Deuteronomy 12:29-31

### "Not by works" (2:9)

- Underline why the *law* (rules and regulations) is ineffective and unable to save us.
  - Romans 3:20,23 because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law comes the knowledge of sin. ... 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, NASU
  - Romans 7:5 For while we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were aroused by the Law, were at work in the members of our body to bear fruit for death. NAS
  - Romans 8:3 For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. NIV
  - Galatians 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM." NASU
  - Colossians 2:20-23 Since you died with Christ to the basic principles of this world, why, as though you still belonged to it, do you submit to its rules: 21 "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? 22 These are all destined to perish with use, because they are based on human commands and teachings. 23 Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence. NIV
  - Hebrews 7:18-19 For, on the one hand, there is a setting aside of a former commandment because of its weakness and uselessness 19(for the Law made nothing perfect), and on the other hand there is a bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God. NASU
  - Hebrews 10:1-2 The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming-not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. 2 If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins...11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. NIV
  - James 2:10 For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all. NASU

- Where does that leave a person under law? Romans 3:19
- From the above verses, why would you say that we are at *enmity* (hostility, hatred) with the law?

### **Paul's struggle with works**

- For an extended account of Paul's personal example of why it is so frustrating to try to perfect ourselves by rules and regulations rather than a relationship see Romans 7:7-24.

### **Christ's sufficiency**

- Underline how sufficient Christ's sacrifice was for our sins.
  - John 1:29 The next day [John] saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! NAS
  - Romans 10:4 Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. NIV
  - Hebrews 10:10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. NASU
  - Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. NASU
  - Hebrews 10:15-18 The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this..."Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." 18 And where these have been forgiven, there is no longer any sacrifice for sin. NIV
- Underline the condition of believers because of Christ's payment for sin.
  - Colossians 1:21-22 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation- NIV
  - 2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. NIV
  - Hebrews 10:14 because by one sacrifice [Jesus Christ] has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. NIV

**Doctrine (1:3 to 3:13)**

- (1) The Threefold Charter (1:3-14)
  - (a) The Will of the Father
  - (b) The Work of the Son
  - (c) The Witness of the Spirit
- (2) The Threefold Prayer (1:15-19)
  - a) That ye may know -- Hope
  - (b) That ye may know -- Inheritance
  - (c) That ye may know -- Power
- The Threefold Union (1:19 to 2:7)
  - (a) Quickened together
  - (b) Raised together
  - (c) Seated together
- (4) Three Works (2:8-10)
  - (a) Not of works
  - (b) We are His work
  - (c) Unto good works
- (5) Threefold Peace (2:11-19)
  - (a) Far off nigh-- Peace
  - (b) Two made one-- Peace
  - (c) He came and preached--Peace
- (6) Threefold Union (2:19-22)
  - (a) Citizens together
  - (b) Framed together
  - (c) Builded together
- (7) Threefold Equality (3:1-13)
  - (a) Heirs together
  - (b) Members together
  - (c) Partakers together

**Practice (4:1 to 6:20)**

- (1) Threefold Exhortation (4:1-6)
  - (a) Walk worthy of calling
  - (b) Forbear in love
  - (c) Keep the unity
- (2) Threefold Measure (4:7-19)
  - (a) The measure of the gift of Christ
  - (b) The measure of the fullness of Christ
  - (c) The measure of every part
- (3) Threefold Application (4:20-32)
  - (a) Put off old man
  - (b) Put on new man
  - (c) Put away the lie
- (4) Threefold Walk (5:1 to 6:9)
  - (a) Walk in love
  - (b) Walk as light
  - (c) Walk circumspectly
- (5) Threefold Stand (6:10-13)
  - (a) Stand against Devil
  - (b) Withstand evil day
  - (c) Stand having `worked out'
- (6) Threefold Equipment (6:14-18)
  - (a) Girdle and breastplate
  - (b) Shoes and shield
  - (c) Helmet and sword
- (7) Threefold Prayer (6:19,20)
  - (a) Open mouth
  - (b) Speak boldly
  - (c) As I ought

**The Central Prayer (3:14-21)**

- (a) That He would grant strength
- (b) That ye may be able to comprehend
- (c) That ye might be filled unto all the fullness of God