

"Ephesians: God's Glorious Design"

For The Saints, Our New Position Corporately!

- I. Paul commends grace and peace to the believers in Ephesus, Eph 1.1-2
- II. Paul praises our God and Father for His gracious gift of spiritual possessions, Eph 1.3-14
- III. Paul prays for believers to have spiritual insight, Eph 1.15-23
- IV. God's Design: Our new position individually, Eph 2.1-10
- V. God's Design: Our new position corporately, Eph 2.11-22
 - A. The What: Our new union, Eph 2.11-13
 - All are under sin: Rom 3.9, 19, 23; 11.32; Gal 3.22

B. The How: Our new transformation in Jesus, Eph 2.14-18

Jesus is the end of the Law for believers in Him (Rom 10.4), we are no longer under the Law as believers (Gal 3.25)! In fact, Paul writes the Romans, (Rom 7.1-4), that we died to the Law!

C. The Why: Our new place and presence corporately, Eph 2.19-22

Temple: *hieron* (ἱερον), used to describe the building complex as set apart, e.g., "the temple in Jerusalem." Our word in Eph 2.21 is *naos* (ναος) which is used to describe the Holy of Holies and the Holy Place, i.e., the "inner Sanctuary" wherein God dwells!