

Section 4

God's Masterpiece: The Result – Ephesians

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1. Gentiles once without Christ
2. The Gentiles brought near in Christ
3. The Building growing unto a Holy Temple in the Lord
4. A habitation of God in the Spirit

1. Gentiles once without Christ

- Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel
- Strangers from the covenants of promise
- Without the hope of a promised deliverer and blessing through Him
- Having no knowledge of God

2. The Gentiles brought near in Christ

- He Himself is our peace
- The law, as a means of acceptance, done away with through the His death
- The imposed separation between Jew and Gentile dissolved
- Both made into one new man in Christ
- Both reconciled in one body on the righteous ground of His death
- Both Jew and Gentile having had the same glad tidings of peace preached to them
- Both having access through Christ by the Spirit to the Father

3. The Building growing unto a Holy Temple in the Lord

- Apostles and prophets through their revelatory ministry lay the foundation
- All in accord with Christ as the Corner Stone
- Believers added, all having their appointed place
- God's glorious purpose for the building, a holy temple in the Lord

4. A habitation of God in the Spirit

- The Church is the place where God makes His abode
- In the Lord the believers in Ephesus give expression locally to what is true universally.