



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

Date- 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Series- All Things- under Christ Part 3

### **Made alive & reconciled in Christ**

*His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. Ephesians 2:15b-17.*

#### **1. Made alive in Christ. (Ephesians 2:1-11)**

- You were dead in your sin.
  
- But because of his great love.
  
- God raise us up.

#### **2. Two people made one through Christ. (Ephesians 2:12-22)**

- You who were once far off have been brought near.
  
- No longer foreigners & strangers.
  
- Being built together.

**Ice breaker: What kind of things divide people in our culture and what do you think can bring people together?**

**A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Ephesians 2:1-3. What was the state of the Ephesians before they were in Christ?
2. Read Ephesians 2:4-11. What did God do for the spiritually dead through Christ? What characteristic of God is seen in his saving work revealed here?
3. Read Ephesians 2:11-18. What does this passage reveal about Jewish and Gentiles relations within the first century church?
4. Read Ephesians 2:19-22. What has this work that Christ has done do for the Gentile believers in Ephesus? What has God done for them in Christ?

**B. Meditation & application**

5. What did you learn about the nature of God from this passage?
6. How does believing this change the way you think, feel or act?
7. What questions do I have about what God has said here?
8. What could you say to God in response to this?
9. Who could you share the message of this passage with?

A Prayer: Thankyou Lord for sending your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Thankyou for making us alive in him. Help us to do good works and please knock down the barriers between us and help us to be one Spirit filled people of God-unified in our devotion to Christ.