# WHAT BEING IN CHRIST MEANS

*(Ephesians 2)*

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*"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God…"*

*(Ephesians 2:19, NKJV)*

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**Personal Notes:**

**Sermon Outline:**

**I Why would a person reject God?**
- A Romans 1:21-22
  - 1 They want personal glory.
  - 2 They are not thankful.
  - 3 They are futile in their thoughts.
  - 4 They have darkened hearts.
  - 5 They changed the image of God.

**II Alive from certain spiritual death**
- A The Ephesians were dead in trespasses and sins. (Ephesians 2:1)
- B They had once walked according to the world. (Ephesians 2:2)
- C Through the love of God, they had been saved. (Ephesians 2:4)

**III The peace of the church at Ephesus**
- A Christ had brought them together with God resulting in peace. (Ephesians 2:14)
- B Christ abolished the Old law and brought a new covenant which we live by today. (Ephesians 2:14; Hebrews)
- C It is because and through this peace that the Ephesian Christians had access to God the Father. (Ephesians 2:18)

**IV The household of God**
- A Due to their salvation, they are now citizens in the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19)
- B The cornerstone of the household is Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 2:20)
  - 1 (1 Peter 2:4-6)
  - 2 (Acts 4:11-12)
  - 3 (Psalm 118:22-24)

**V What does being in Christ mean?**
- A You are alive in Christ. (Ephesians 2:5)
- B You have a peace with God. (Ephesians 2:14)
- C You are a citizen ion the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19)