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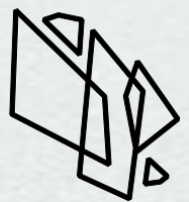
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Made one in Christ

Ephesians 2:11-22

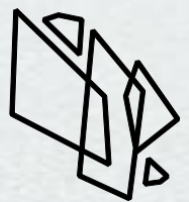






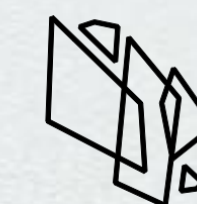
Week Four

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Genesis 12:1-4a ^{ESV}

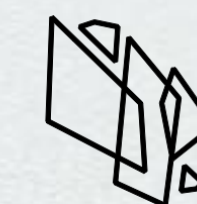
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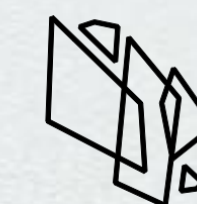
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So Abram went, as the Lord had told him...



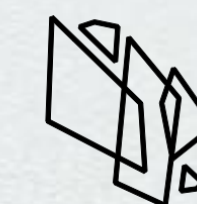
Exodus 19:5-6 ^{ESV}

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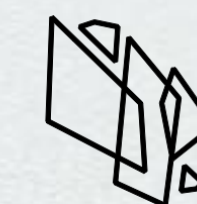
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Isaiah 49:6 ESV

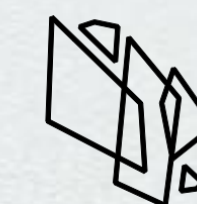
he says:

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

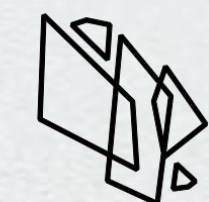


"The Jew had an immense contempt for the Gentile. The Gentiles, said the Jews, were created by God to be fuel for the fires of hell. God, they said, loves only Israel of all the nations that he had made... It was not even lawful to render help to a Gentile mother in her hour of sorest need, for that would simply be to bring another Gentile into the world. Until Christ came, the Gentiles were an object of contempt to the Jews. The barrier between them was absolute. If a Jewish boy married a Gentile girl, or if a Jewish girl married a Gentile boy, the funeral of that Jewish boy or girl was carried out. Such contact with a Gentile was the equivalent of death."

- William Barclay

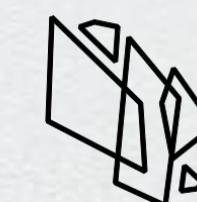


The Roman statesman Cicero wrote, ‘As the Greeks say, ‘All men are divided into two classes, Greeks and barbarians.’



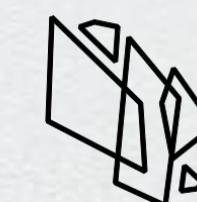
1 Peter 2:9-10 ^{ESV}

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

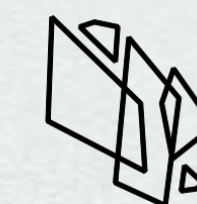


Ephesians 2:11-12 ^{ESV}

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

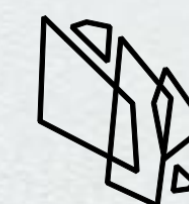


1. They were “without Christ.”
2. They had been “excluded from citizenship in Israel.”
3. They were “foreigners to the covenants of the promise.”
4. They were “without hope.”
5. They were “without God in the world.”



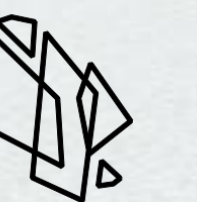
Ephesians 2:13 ^{ESV}

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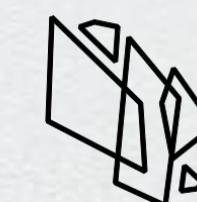
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BUT now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.



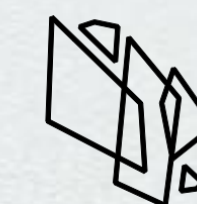
Ephesians 2:14-16 ^{ESV}

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.



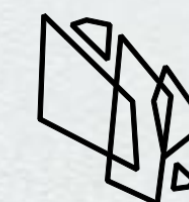
“No foreigner may enter within the barrier and enclosure round the temple. Anyone who is caught doing so will have himself to blame for his ensuing death.”

Signs discovered, one in 1871 and the other in 1935 on the temple wall.



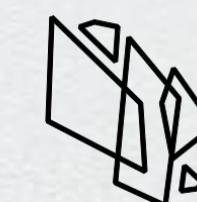
Ephesians 2:17-18 ^{ESV}

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.



Ephesians 2:19-21 ESV

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.



The blood of Christ breaks down barriers, and builds believers together - from all types of backgrounds.

