

## Ephesians: God's Grace for Us We Belong

### 1. In Christ, we belong and we have hope.

*Ephesians 2:11-13*

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### 2. In Christ, we have peace and we are One New People.

*Ephesians 2:14-18; Romans 10:4; Ephesians 2:18*

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### 3. In Christ, we are now the living temple of God.

*Ephesians 2:19-22; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Peter 2:5; 1 Corinthians 3:16*

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In this series “Ephesians: God’s Grace to Us”, we are going to SOAP our way through Ephesians. That means for our reading guide, every day there will be just a few verses from Ephesians to meditate on. We will do that by SOAPing. This works best if you have a journal, where each day you:

**S- Scripture:** Write out each verse

**O- Observation:** Write out what the verse is saying. You can use a commentary for this.

**A- Application:** Write out how the verse applies to my life, how does this truth impact me?

**P- Prayer:** Pray for God to work this truth deep into my mind and heart.

#### Next Week’s Reading Guide:

- Ephesians 3:1-3
- Ephesians 3:4-5
- Ephesians 3:6-7
- Ephesians 3:8-9
- Ephesians 3:10-11
- Ephesians 3:12-13
- Ephesians 3:1-13 (review)

#### Discussion Questions:

1. We belong to one another in Christ, but sometimes we don’t feel we belong. What can you do to increase the feelings of belonging to the Body of Christ?
2. How important is hope in your life? Share a situation where you are having to hope in Christ, or turn something over to Him for His best.
3. Put into words what it means to you to be at peace with God. Share a situation in life that Christ has helped bring peace to.
4. How do you feel about being “one” with people from every tribe, tongue and nation. How does this reality influence your view of people who are not like you?
5. Given that you are a living stone in God’s temple, how well does your life of worship reflect that? Discuss.