

Note: It is a personal decision to believe in Christ Jesus. It is not written in Scripture that someone can choose for another person salvation through Jesus. In these Study questions the use of the pronoun “you” means you, the reader, the person reading these Scripture verses and answering the corresponding questions.

Day 1

Please pray for holy guidance and insight before you begin today’s study.

One in Christ

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men) --

Q1. So that we all have the same understanding... who are “Gentiles”, the “uncircumcised”?

Q2. Who are those that call themselves "the circumcision"?

Q3. Are you a member of the one of these groups: (1) "Gentiles", the "uncircumcised" or (2) "the circumcision"? Why?

Deuteronomy 10:16-17 Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. ¹⁷ For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes.

Deuteronomy 30:6 The Lord your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.

Jeremiah 4:4 Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, circumcise your hearts, you men of Judah and people of Jerusalem, or my wrath will break out and burn like fire because of the evil you have done- burn with no one to quench it.

Day 2

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¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

Q4. Why were the Gentiles “separate from [the loving] Christ”?

Q5. What were the “covenants of the promise”?

Galatians 3:14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Q6. Why were Gentiles at one time “excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise”?

Q7. Are people today “without hope and without God”?

Day 3

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¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

Q8. How can a person “who [was] once ... far away have been brought near”?

Q9. To what does the “blood of Christ” refer?

Day 4

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¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ^{15a} by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. ^{15b} His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

Q10. To what "two" (vs. 14 and 15b) is Paul referring?

Q11. What is the "barrier, the dividing wall of hostility"?

Q12. How could the law be "abolished in His flesh" or through His flesh?

Q13. Since "the law with its commandments and regulations" is abolished, does this mean that Believers no longer have to follow the Ten Commandments?

Matthew 22:37-40 Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Q14. How do you know if you are “reconciled... to God”?

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Q15. How do you know that Jesus is your “peace”?

Day 5

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¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Q16. Who might be "far away" and who might be "near"?

John 16:13, 15 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.

Galatians 3:1 You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. (2) I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? (3) Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

Day 6

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¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together

and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Q17. What is a “cornerstone”?

Q18. Does this describe a church?

John 4:23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. (24) God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

Romans 8:9 You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

Q19. How do you “get” the Spirit?

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