

7.18.21 – WE ARE GOD’S PEOPLE – Ephesians 2:11-22

Section One – We Are – God’s People

I. Replacement View

A. The Bible (pick the best answer).

1. Old Testament was written to ethnic Israel.
2. Contains some things for Christians, some things for the Jewish people.
3. Says the New Covenant replaces Israel with the Church.
4. Is written to God’s people, all of it.

B. The apocryphal book 2 Esdras (2:10-11) says:

1. God is going to give _____ to the Church.
2. Pastor Winans is advocating for the above view: T or F

C. Read Ephesians 2:11-22. How does the replacement view (The Church replaces Israel as the people of God) diminish what Jesus has accomplished for Israel?

II. Separated View

A. The separated view believes some sections of the Bible are written only to the _____ and others are only written to the nation of _____.

B. The Separated View takes the Bible the most literally. T or F.

C. The Separated View believes the following (pick the one that false).

1. We are in the Church Age.
2. There is no difference between a Jew and a Gentile in how a person becomes a child of God.
3. The age of the church is also known as the great parenthesis.
4. The Bible is written to two distinct peoples. The nation of Israel and the Church.

D. Read Ephesians 2:11-22. How does the Separated View (The Church and Israel are distinct peoples of God) diminish what Jesus has accomplished for the Church?

III. Fulfillment View

A. Dr. J Ligon Duncan III expresses the following Fulfillment View:

1. The promises of God are _____ in the Gentiles.
2. God _____ the Gentiles into the people of God.
3. Therefore, the Gentiles and Israel are _____ people.

B. Read John 15:5-6. (pick the best one)

1. Jesus describes a child of God as one who is a part of the vine.
2. Jesus describes a child of God who is born of the nation of Israel.

C. Read Romans 9:6 (pick the best one)

1. All people who are descended from Israel are not true Israel.
2. All people who are descended from Israel are true Israel.

D. Read Matthew 3:7-10. (pick the best one)

1. Jesus warned the Pharisees and Sadducees that they were not necessarily Abraham's children.
2. Jesus assured the Pharisees and Sadducees that because they were descended from Abraham that they would bear good fruit

E. Read Hebrews 3:16-4:2

Of all the people who left Egypt only _____ and _____ entered into the Promised Land.

Entering into the rest of God depends upon _____.

F. Read Galatians 6:14-16. Describe what these verses mean. How does the Bible describe how a person becomes a new creation?

G. If we believe that Replacement or the Separated Views are correct, then the

_____ and _____ God made to Israel cannot be fulfilled by the _____.

H. Read Acts 15:13-18 and Amos 9:11-12

Acts 15:16 quotes the _____ passage and in verse 17 gives the reason that the _____ are to be made into _____ people.

I. How does a person know they are a child of God? Are you? How does this impact the way you approach the Scriptures and apply them to your life?

Section Two – Going Deeper

Apologetics: Why some books/letters are included, and not others?

1. How should we view writings like 2 Esdras and early epistles (letters) like the “Epistle of Barnabas” that was mentioned in the sermon, yet not in our bibles? Are there others? Why are they not part of the Bible?

2. Are there others? Why are they not part of the Bible?

Doctrine:

1. “What is the visible church?”