Elaborating on the "Extraordinary"

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Ephesians 2:11-22

EPHESIANS 2:8-10 MESSAGE BIG IDEA REMINDER: (1) Based on his GENEROSITY alone [the meaning of *"by grace…not by works"*], (2) **God has welcomed us into his Son's "EXTRAORDINARY" family** [the meaning of *"saved"*], (3) a priceless gift activated and sustained by ALLEGIANCE [the meaning of *"through faith/pistis"]*, (4) ENABLING us to be what we most deeply desire [the meaning of *"created in Christ Jesus for good works"*].

***TODAY'S BIG QUESTION:** What *else* makes the Messiah's family "extraordinary"?

Remembering our Grim Pre-"Extraordinary Family" State

Ephesians 2:11 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— 12 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.

Ephesians 2:13 ESV But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 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, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 2:19 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, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

The "Extraordinariness" of the Family: Four Reasons

1. **It's composed of stunningly _____ _____ living in oneness and love.**

2. **It's constructed over/around King Jesus, who determines its "_____" and _____.**

3. **It contains God's _____, and will do so more and more as its members grow in "_____-_____."**

4. **It is _____ of strife-sowing spiritual forces (the "healing" that makes our "peace" possible both with God and with each other).**

Isaiah 57:3 ESV But you, draw near, sons of the sorceress,

Isaiah 57:13 ESV When you cry out, let your collection of idols deliver you!

Isaiah 57:19 NIV …Peace, peace, to those far and near," says the LORD. "And I will heal them."

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My Takeaway: _____