Freed from the Law – Part V

As we continue to explore what Scripture tells us about being ‘Freed from the Law’, another key passage is Ephesians 2:11-22. This passage tells us that:

The Law of Moses was broken down and abolished with regard to the church, and the death of Jesus Christ, the Messiah, was what did it!

Ephesians 2:11-22 (NASU)

Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called " Uncircumcision" by the so-called " Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands-- 12 remember that you were at that time separate from Christ [HCSB: the Messiah][[1]](#footnote-1), excluded [separated from] from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers [by separation] to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God [Gk: ***atheos***] in the world [Gk: ***cosmos***].

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ [HCSB: the Messiah]. 14 For He Himself is our peace, **who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, 15 by abolishing[[2]](#footnote-2) in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man**, thus establishing peace, 16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

17 and he came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near[[3]](#footnote-3); 18 for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father.

19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens [vs Ephesians 2:12], but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets[[4]](#footnote-4), Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,

21 **in whom** the whole building, ***being fitted together***, is growing

into a holy temple **in the Lord**,

22 **in whom** you also are ***being built together***

into a dwelling[[5]](#footnote-5) of God **in the Spirit**.

1. Romans 9:3-5 (NASU), “…my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh, 4 who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises, 5 whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.” [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Romans 7:6 (NASU), “But now we have been released (***katargeo***: same Gk word as ‘abolished’) from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.” [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Isaiah 57:19; Romans 10:14; Acts 10:36; Ephesians 2:13, 14 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Ephesians 2:20; 3:5; 4:11 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Deep down dwelling, a long-term, settled inhabitant [↑](#footnote-ref-5)