

INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PRAYER ATLANTA
EPHESIANS, PT. 5 –ONE NEW MAN (EPH 2:11-22)
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I. Introduction

A. The concepts of reconciliation are inherent to the gospel. Through the gospel, humans are reconciled to God, which is a truth that cannot be understated. In addition we have been given the ministry of reconciliation. God has entrusted us to share with others God's invitation of salvation through the gospel.

B. There are other truths of reconciliation that are inherent to the gospel that are less emphasized but equally as important. Not only are humans reconciled to God, the entire creation, heaven and earth, is reconciled to God through the cross (Eph 1:9-10, Col 1:20). Consider the wonder of the power of the cross that God could reconcile the entire created order to Himself through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

C. Not only are we reconciled to God and the creation is reconciled to God, we are also completely reconciled to *one another* through the gospel. Specifically, Jews and Gentiles are reconciled, but this reconciliation extends to all people groups who have historic divisions and enmity towards one another.

D. It's a shocking revelation that is as true and powerful as the reality of our reconciliation to God, namely that all people can be reconciled to one another in and through Jesus Christ.

E. In addition, it is in this reconciled unity that God desires to dwell with His presence and manifest His power (Eph 2:20).

II. Reconciled to One Another

Ephesians 2:11 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, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 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 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,

A. Without the cross all Gentiles were completely separated from God and without spiritual hope

1. Separated from Christ, excluded from Israel, strangers to the covenants

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2. Having no hope, without God, and ultimately “far off”
 - B. Though we were far off we have been brought near by the blood Christ
 - C. He is our peace
 - D. He made both groups into one
 - E. Broke down the dividing wall
 - F. Abolished the enmity, the law of commandments
 - G. In Himself, He made the two into one new man
 - H. Establishing peace

III. Reconciled to God

Ephesians 2:16 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; 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, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

- A. Reconciled them both in one body
- B. Put to death the enmity
- C. Preached peace (Isa 57:19)
- D. Through Him we both have access to the Father
- E. No longer strangers and aliens
- F. Fellow citizens and are members of God's household

IV. Dwelling place of God

Ephesians 2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, 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 of God in the Spirit.

- A. Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets
- B. Christ Jesus is the cornerstone
- C. In Him the whole building fits together, growing into a temple of the Lord
- D. In Him we are built together, as a dwelling place of God