

Morning Session

Text: Ephesians 2

Title: "Reconciled them both to God in one body" Ephesians 2:16

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¹² that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

¹³ 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 both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace,

¹⁶ and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

Ephesians 2:11-16

A. THE GREAT DIVIDE

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Ephesians 2:11-12

1. Israel
2. Gentiles (Non-Israel)
3. This Divide had always existed
4. Great Gulf between them
 - a) Culturally
 - b) Religiously

c) Historically

5. A middle wall of Separation Ephesians 2:14

B. THE GENTILES DESCRIBED

1. Gentiles in the flesh
2. Called "Uncircumcision"
3. Without Christ
4. Aliens from the commonwealth of Israel
5. Strangers from the covenants of promise
6. Having no hope
7. Without God in the world

C. THE GREAT WORK OF RECONCILIATION

And that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.

Ephesians 2:16

1. Reconciliation I Romans 5:10-11
 - a) Personal
 - b) Individual
2. Reconciliation II Ephesians 2:16
 - a) Israel and Gentiles
 - b) Reconciled them both to God
 - c) They are now "one body"
 - d) Through the Cross
 - e) Putting to death the Enmity

D. THE ATONING WORK OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

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Ephesians 2:13-16

1. The Blood of Christ had to be shed

- a) He had to suffer for our sins
- b) He had to pay the penalty of our sins
- c) He had to shed His blood for us Isaiah 53

2. What the Lord Jesus accomplished

- a) Those who are far off are brought near
- b) The Lord did not only bring Peace, He is our Peace
- c) He made Jew and Gentile “one”
- d) He broke down the middle wall of partition
- e) He abolished the enmity caused by the commandments/ ordinances
- f) He has created “a new man”
- g) He brought about Reconciliation for both Jew and Gentile in one body

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. To Reconciliation I

Are we Reconciled to God?

2. To Reconciliation II

We must never be anti-Semitic

3. Deep appreciation of what the Lord has done