

A Life of Faith- Every Day  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Peace in Christ

**Question:** Have you ever felt left out?

“For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.”

Ephesians 2:18-19

**Main Point:** Jesus has destroyed the barrier that stood between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

“And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.”

Matthew 27:51

Setting the context...

- Jews and Gentiles generally hated each other.
- There was a literal wall in the temple which divided the court of the Gentiles with the areas the Jewish people were allowed.
- There was then a thick curtain that separated the inner court with the Holy of Holies.
- Only the High Priest could enter the Holy of Holies, and that only once a year.

**Point One:** All humanity was once \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

Hostility- (v. 14 & 16) n. enmity, hatred; a reason for opposition; to be at constant war with another.

**Point Two:** There is \_\_\_\_\_ peace and reconciliation now available in Jesus Christ.

Reconcile- (v. 16) v. to reestablish proper relationships after a disruption or damage; grace to remove hostility; restitution and forgiveness in order to fully repair a relationship.

**Point Three:** As members of God’s household, we are at \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

Peace- (v. 15 & 17) n. the tranquil state of the soul after salvation; the essential characteristic of messianic salvation.

*“And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.”*

Ephesians 2:17

Personal Application...

Remember who you are in Christ and help remind others who they are. The wall is down! We belong! Christians live with God! We are at peace!

Sermon by Pastor Dave Williams on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Next week: Ephesians 3:1-13 The Mystery of the Gospel