

**Remember What Life is Like Since Christ Came:
Reconciliation and Peace
Ephesians 02: 11-18**

**1 *We were far off
and separated from God***

- a. We were barricaded from God:
Were Gentiles
and uncircumcised
- b. We were separate from Christ
- c. We were excluded
from God's people (Israel)
- d. We were excluded
from God's covenant and
promises
- e. We were without hope
and without God

2 *Christ brings us near to God*

3 *Christ brings us peace*

- a. He made all men as one
- b. He broke down all barriers
- c. He wiped out all rules
- d. He creates a "new man"

4 *Christ brings us reconciliation*

- a. By the cross

11 Therefore,
remember that
formerly you who are Gentiles by birth
and called "uncircumcised"
by those who call themselves "the circumcision"
(that done in the body
by the hands of men) –

12 Remember that at that time
you were separate from Christ,
excluded from citizenship in Israel
and foreigners to the covenants of the promise,
without hope
and without God in the world.

13 But now in Christ Jesus
you who once were far away
have been brought near
through the blood of Christ.

14 For he himself is our peace,
who has made the two one
and has destroyed the barrier,
the dividing wall of hostility,

15 By abolishing in his flesh
the law with its commandments and regulations.
His purpose was to create in himself
one new man out of the two,
thus making peace.

16 And in this one body
to reconcile both of them to God
through the cross,
by which he put to death their hostility.

b. By the preaching of peace

5 *Christ brings us access to God*

17 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 access to the Father
by one Spirit.