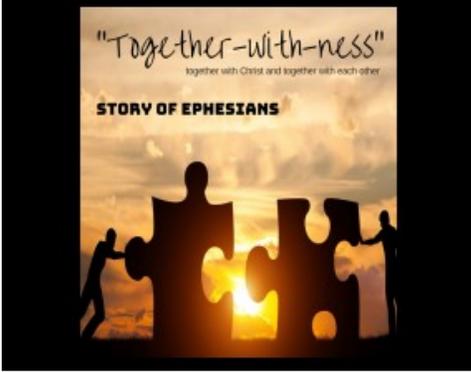
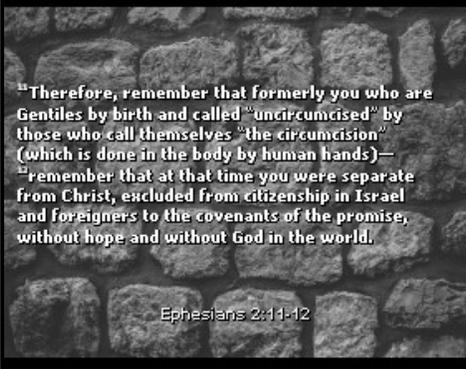


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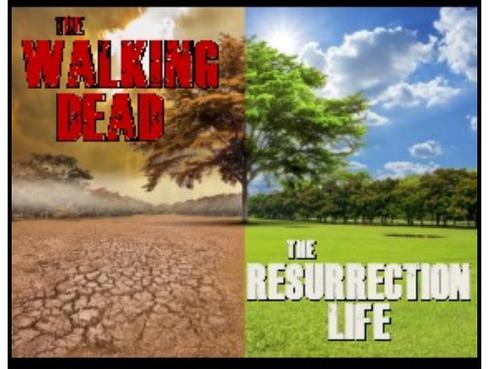


2. Ephesians 2:11-12 (1. Ephesians 2:11-12



11Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)—

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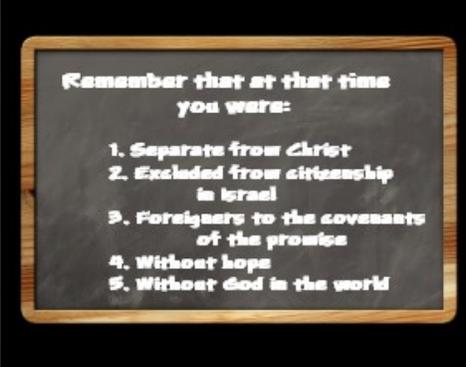
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4. Ephesians 2:10 (NI 1. Ephesians 2:10



10For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

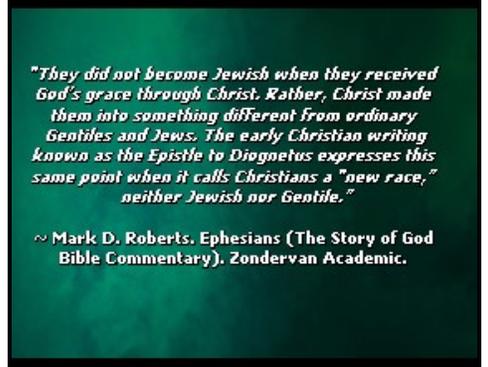
5. Remember that at t 1. Page 1



Remember that at that time you were:

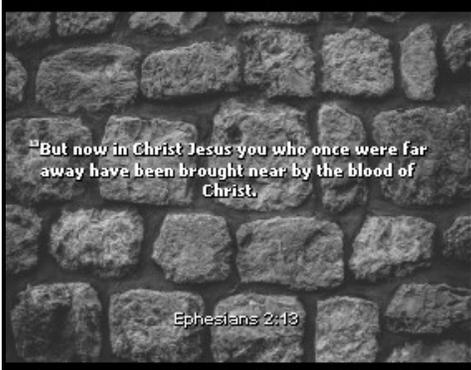
1. Separate from Christ
2. Excluded from

6. "They did not beco 1. Page 1



"They did not become Jewish when they received God's grace through Christ. Rather, Christ made them into something different from ordinary Gentiles and Jews. The early Christian writing known as the

7. Ephesians 2:13 (NI 1. Ephesians 2:13



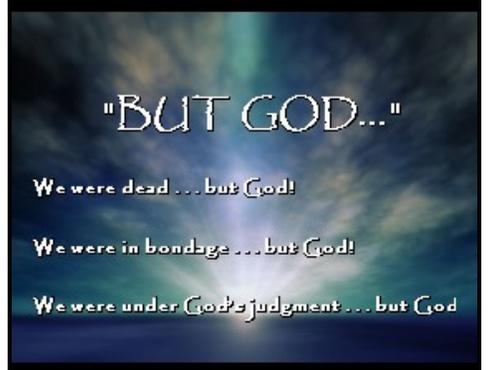
13But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

8. "BUT NOW..." 1. Page 1



"BUT NOW..."

9. 1. Page 1



"BUT GOD..."

We were dead . . . but God!

We were in bondage . . . but God!

10. Ephesians 2:14-18 1. Ephesians 2:14-18

"For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, "by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, "and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. "He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. "For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Ephesians 2:14-18

14For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His

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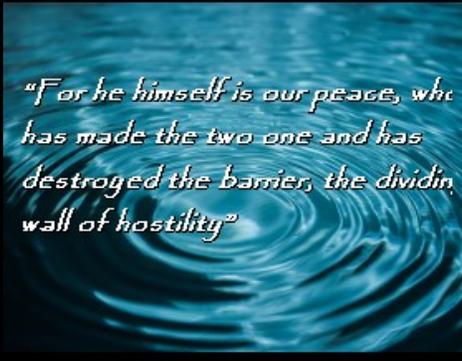
13. Isaiah 32:16-18 (N 1. Isaiah 32:16-18

"The Lord's justice will dwell in the desert, his righteousness live in the fertile field. "The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever. "My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.

Isaiah 32:16-18

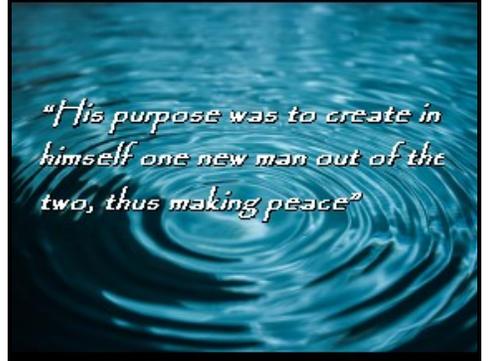
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14. "For he himself is 1. Page 1



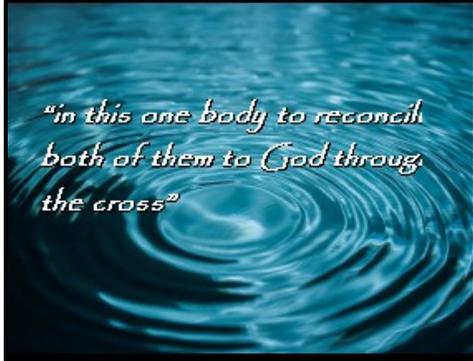
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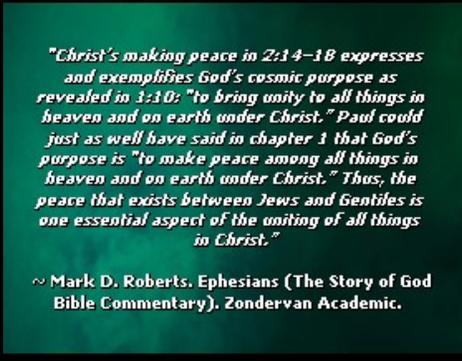
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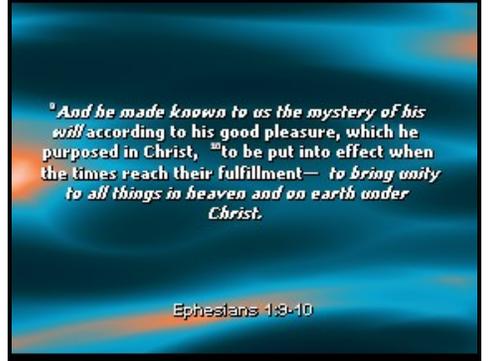
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17. "Christ's making p 1. Page 1



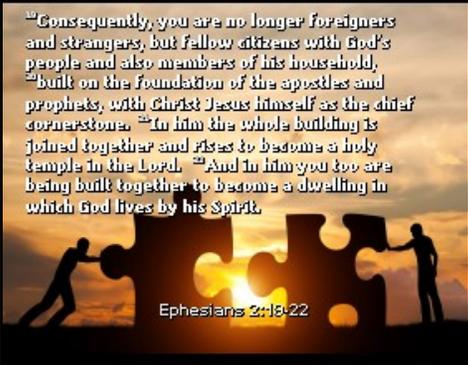
"Christ's making peace in 2:14-18 expresses and exemplifies God's cosmic purpose as revealed in 1:10: "to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ." Paul could just as well have said in chapter 1

18. Ephesians 1:9-10 (1. Ephesians 1:9-10



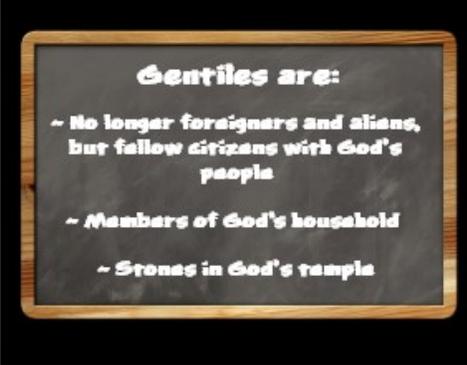
9And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in

19. Ephesians 2:19-22 1. Ephesians 2:19-22



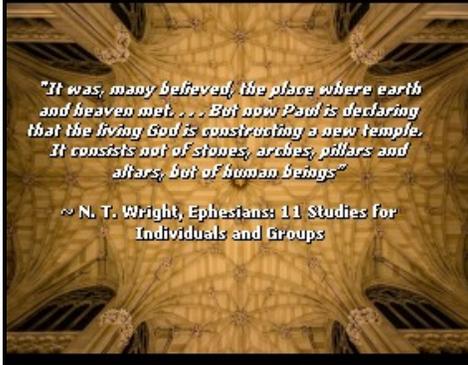
19Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, 20built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus

20. Gentiles are: 1. Page 1



Gentiles are:
~ No longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people

21. "It was, many belie 1. Page 1



"It was, many believed, the place where earth and heaven met. . . . But now Paul is declaring that the living God is constructing a new temple. It consists not of stones, arches, pillars and altars, but of human

22. "This portrayal of 1. Page 1



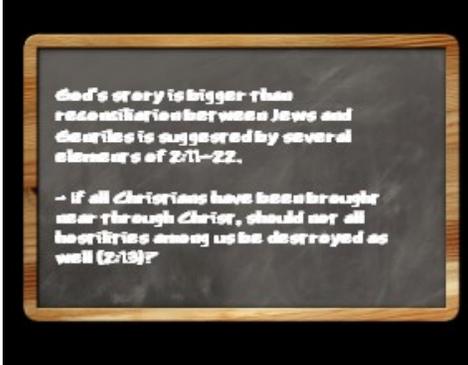
"This portrayal of the Christian community as a temple is striking for two reasons.
First, it sets Christianity apart from virtually every other religion in the Roman world,

22. "This portrayal of 2. Page 2



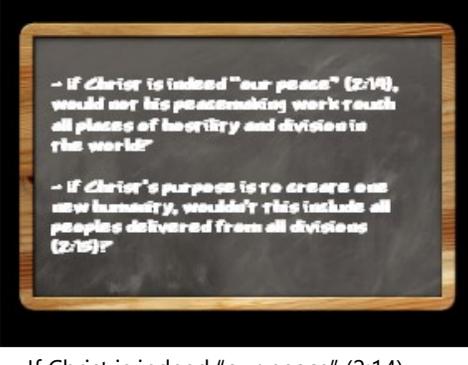
Second, the Gospels reveal that Jesus fashioned himself as a replacement for the temple. For example, forgiveness of sins could be found in him, not in the temple and its sacrifices ."

23. God's story is big 1. Page 1



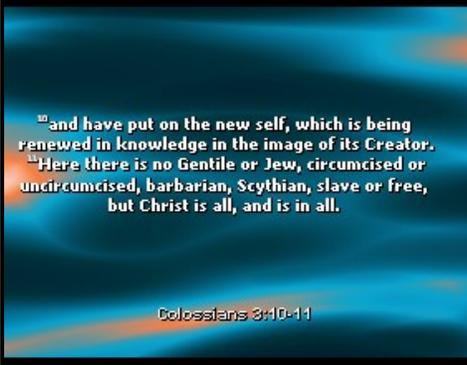
God's story is bigger than reconciliation between Jews and Gentiles is suggested by several elements of 2:11-22.
~ If all Christians have been brought near

23. God's story is big 2. Page 2



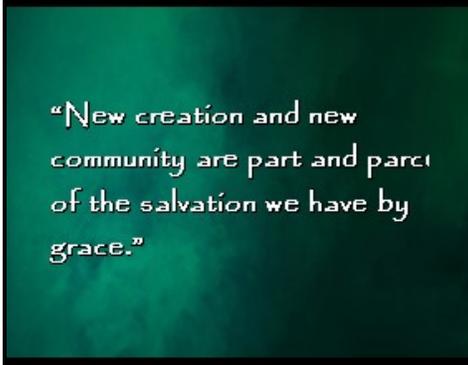
~ If Christ is indeed "our peace" (2:14), would not his peacemaking work touch all places of hostility and division in the world?
~ If Christ's purpose is to create one new

24. Colossians 3:10-11 1. Colossians 3:10-11

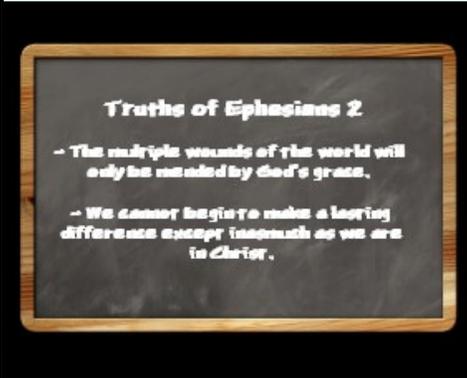


10and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. 11Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ

25. "New creation and new 1. Page 1

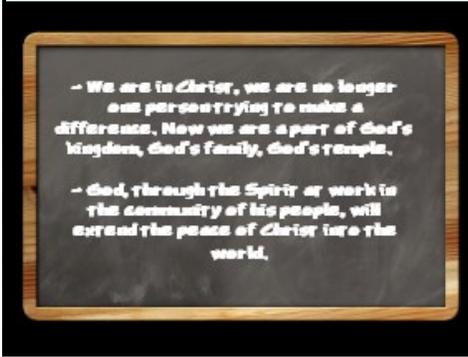


"New creation and new community are part and parcel of the salvation we have by grace."



Truths of Ephesians 2

~ The multiple wounds of the world will only be mended by God's grace.



~ We are in Christ, we are no longer one person trying to make a difference. Now we are a part of God's kingdom, God's family, God's temple.