

Revolution ~ Part 4 ~ Peace

Ephesians 2:11-12 (NIV)

(11) Therefore, 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)—

Isaiah 59:2 (NIV) *But your iniquities have separated you from your God.*

John 4:22 (NIV) *...salvation is from the Jews...*

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(11) Therefore, 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)—

(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.

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Ephesians 2:13-15 (NIV)

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

(14) For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, (15) 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,

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Ephesians 2:16-18 (NIV)

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

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Ephesians 2:19-22 (NIV)

(19) Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, (20) built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. (21) In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. (22) And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Matthew 16:18 (NIV) *...I will build my church...*

Journey Group Discussion

Why does peace seem to be so elusive even though it appears to be universally desired?

We said peace was “oneness” or “wholeness.” What does that mean? Talk about some popular definitions of peace.

Read Ephesians 2:11-12

- How does the Jew/Gentile struggle relate or compare to ours?
- Put a persons former condition (before Christ) in your own words.

Read Ephesians 2:13-15

- We said Jesus was the Peace Man. He was called the Prince of Peace. What do these verses say that Jesus did?
- Describe in your own words how He did this.

Read Ephesians 2:16-18

- Tim said “reconcile” meant to bring together again. We said that applies to us AND to our calling as believers. How do 2 Corinthians 5:18 and Romans 12:18 give guidance in this?
- Describe the vertical and horizontal aspects of the cross we discussed.

Read Ephesians 2:19-22

- What is our new condition as believers according to these verses?
- Describe the churches role in this and our relationship to the church.

What were our hand gestures for the Gospel and the way to peace?