

JOINT RECONCILIATION
Jesus Reconciles Sinners With God and One Another

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Ephesians 2:11-22

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Book Theme: The Eternal Plan of God

Book Theme Verse: Eph 4:1 Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,

Outline

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Lesson Verse: Eph 2:16 and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

Theme: The Christian is radically changed by Christ's blood shed on the cross that provides for reconciliation with God. Through this reconciliation with God the person is also reconciled with all other Christians in His church. Paul exhorts the Ephesians to appreciate the magnitude of the change of their position by describing it in three ways: Remember Your Former Alienation, Recognize the Results of Your Reconciliation and Rejoice in Your New Position

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I.	<u>Remember Your Former Alienation</u>	11-12
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1. Remember that you were completely alienated from the people of God
2. Remember that you were completely alienated from any access to God
 - a. you were at that time separate from Christ,
 - b. excluded from the commonwealth of Israel was God's chosen people
 - c. strangers to the covenants of promise -
 - d. having no hope
 - e. without God in the world.

II. Recognize the Results of Your Reconciliation

13-18

1. Your reconciliation was accomplished by Christ's substitutionary atonement on the cross
2. Your reconciliation unified you with Jew and Gentile and all other Christians
3. Your reconciliation gives you access to the Father through His Son and through the Spirit

III. Rejoice in Your New Position

19-22

1. You are now included with all citizens of God's kingdom
2. You are now attached with all members of God's family
3. You are now being built together into a building of God

IV. Application

1. If you have not trusted the Lord Jesus Christ you are separate from Christ, excluded from His kingdom, without His promises, having no hope and without God in the world. But God can change your position, if you will cry out to Him to save you.

Ro 10:11-13 Ro 10:9-10

2. For believers, we are to remember our former alienation from God to maintain the gratitude and humility toward Him, who rescued us.
1 Ti 1:12-17
3. We are to recognize that Christ paid a cost we could never to pay to reconcile us to God, which also resulted in us being reconciled with one another,

Ro 5:10 Col 3:12-14

4. We are to rejoice in the new position we have received having been reconciled to God

Php 3:20 Jn 1:12 1 Pe 2:5 1 Pe 2:7-10