

**Friday Men in Christ –
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Ephesians 2:1-10 – Last week

Ephesians 2:11-21 – This week

Do not forget that there was a time when you who were gentiles ἐν σαρκί in flesh (termed the uncircumcised by those who speak of themselves as the circumcised by reason of a physical operation). Remember that you were, at that time, separated from Christ and alienated from nation of Jacob, Israel, foreigners to the covenants of the Promise, without hope and without God.

But now in Christ Jesus, you who were distanced have been brought close, in the blood of Christ. ἐν τῷ αἵματι τοῦ Χριστοῦ For he is our peace; who in his flesh made the two into one and has broken down the dividing wall between us – abolishing The Law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, thus making peace. He thus reconciled both to God – in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the divisions. In doing so he came and proclaimed peace to you who were distanced and peace to those who were near, and so through him both have access in one Spirit to the Father. In this you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the God’s holy people and members of the House of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is framed together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

- Ω **The issue of The Good News**
- Ω **The Covenant of God**
- Ω **Union in Christ’s blood replaces Abraham’s**
- Ω **Implications on understanding scriptures as/and God’s work**
- Ω **Christ is the “All in all”**
- Ω **God’s being is in reconciliation**