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Ministers – Every Member

SERMON NOTES

Christ Is Our Peace

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Text: Ephesians 2:11-18

Although we were far from God, He brings us near through the death of Jesus Christ, providing peace for us and placing us into a family relationship with other believers who have been reconciled to Him.

- I. You need to understand your _____ (vv. 11-12).
 - A. Separated by a pejorative _____ (v. 11).
 - B. Separated by persistent _____ (v. 12).
 1. Without _____.
 2. Without _____ - *aliens*.
 3. Without _____ - *strangers*.
 4. Without _____ - *having no hope*.
 5. Without _____.

- II. You need to appreciate your _____ (vv. 13-18).
 - A. Jews and Gentiles are _____ (vv. 13-14).
 - B. Jews and Gentiles are reconciled _____ (v. 15-18).

- III. You need to recognize Christ's _____.
 - A. Christ _____ is our peace (v. 14).
 - B. Christ _____ our peace (vv. 15-16).
 - C. Christ _____ peace (vv. 17-18).

Personal Applications

- Is your life characterized by being at _____ because of your relationship with Jesus Christ?
- Do your relationships with _____ display the Holy Spirit's uniting bond of peace?
- Have you been _____ to God?

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:12 tells us that God's Word is alive and powerful and discerns the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. In 1 Timothy 4:13, Paul instructs Timothy, the pastor at Ephesus, to "give attention to reading" of Scripture. At Tri-City Baptist Church, we intend to be Word driven. Our taking time to publicly read the Bible is a practical way that we can obey the Bible and highlight this aspect of our ministry philosophy. Join us this morning as we read...

EPHESIANS 2:11-18

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Ephesians 2:11-12

How does the description in these verses compare and contrast to the description in verses 1-3? In what ways were the Gentiles particularly disadvantaged spiritually? In what ways do you see hopelessness displayed in our society today?

Ephesians 2:13-16

What are the similarities between verses 4 and 13? To whom does "you who once were far off" refer? What does reconciliation mean? How does it take place? Where does this reconciliation take place? What phrases are used to indicate that God is uniting Jews and Gentiles in a new creation?

Ephesians 2:17-18

How do you know that the same Gospel applies to both Jews and Gentiles? In light of verses 11-18, how do you think God views the church? Why do you think God wants us to live in a spiritual community? How does the church help us grow spiritually? How can we demonstrate a commitment to Christ's church? According to Ephesians 4:1-3, what do you need to do to maintain unity in the church? How does your commitment to people in the local church advance the cause of Christ? How are you shaping what your children think about church life? How can the local church help you advance the Gospel? Will you pray that God will use your church to share Christ with a lost world?