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Peace



a study on Ephesians

¹¹ Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands

¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:11-12

"The Uncircumcision"

The Gentiles v. The Jews

Gentiles - NOT liked & seen as lesser

***Circumcision* – Jewish Sign of being
[Gen 17] "set apart" and Covenant**

**Jews saw Gentiles as NOT chosen
And NOT a part of God's blessings**

God's Plan...

Before Abraham – NO Israel, only Mankind

Genesis 3:15 ***"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; He will crush your head, and you will strike His heel."***

After Abraham – Use Israel to save Mankind

Isaiah 49:6 ***"He says: 'It is too small a thing that you should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the Nations, that My Salvation may reach to the end of the earth.'"***

PEACE

Ephesians 2:13-17

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

¹⁴ For He Himself is our **PEACE**, Who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility.

¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making **PEACE**,

¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

¹⁷ And he came and preached **PEACE** to you who were far off and **PEACE** to those who were near.

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Peace & Unity

United Jew & Gentile: Through Christ's Death

We MUST see ourselves how God does

We MUST see others how God does

---Saved by Grace through Faith---

We can have PEACE with God

We can have PEACE with others

---Christ killed the hostility---

One Body (Building)

Ephesians 2:18-22

¹⁸ For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the Cornerstone,

²¹ in Whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

²² In Him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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One Body (Building)

Foundation: OT & NT

Cornerstone: Jesus

-Orientation & Beginning

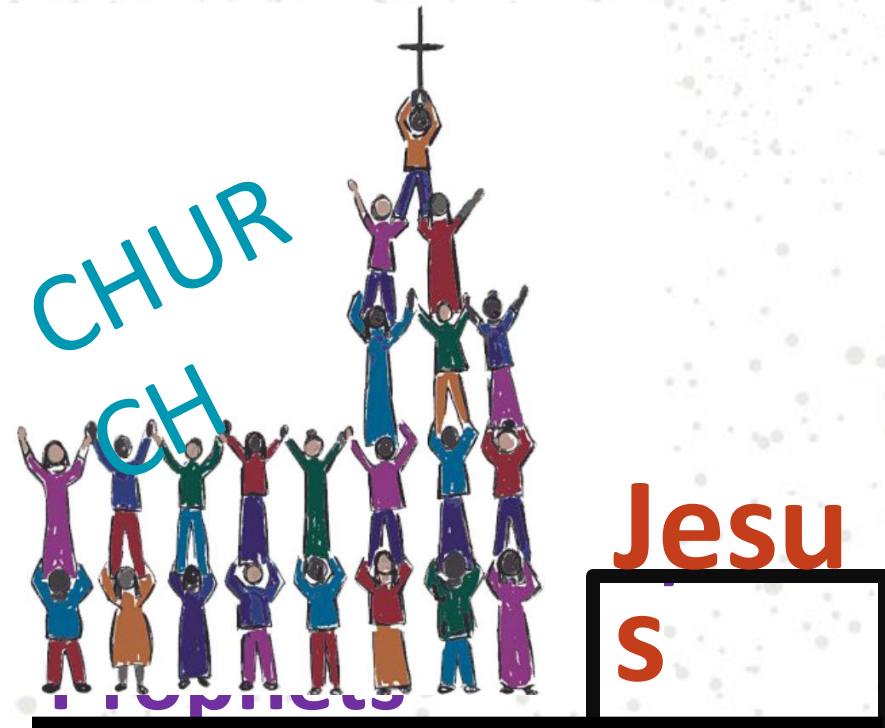
Church: Christians

-Houses the Spirit

We ARE the Church!

Grow in Christ &

Grow Others in Christ



**New Testament -
Apostles**

*“To refer to the Church as a building
is to call people 2 x 4’s.”*
– Shane Claiborne

How can we LOVE Likewise as the Church?
How can we LIVE Likewise as the Church?
**Pray for the future and God’s Leading of
Unity, Community, and His Church**
How can He build HIS Church through us?

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