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Ephesians 2:11-16

TEARING DOWN THE WALLS

I. Introduction:

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II. Where We Stood: (Separation)

“Therefore, *remember* that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)-- “*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.” Ephesians 2:11-12

- Separate from Christ
- Excluded from Citizenship in Israel
- Foreigners to the Covenants of Promise
- Without Hope
- Without God

III. What Difference Did Christ Make: (Destruction)

- He brought the far off near

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.
Ephesians 2:13

- He brought peace to the divided

For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility.” Ephesians 2:14

IV. Why We Are Grateful (Reconciliation)

“ by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, “and in this one body to **reconcile** both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.” Ephesians 2:15-16

Reconcile: To bring from hostility to friendship.

V. Conclusion and Application

There is no room for prejudice, racism, sexism, ageism, favoritism, etc. for the Christian for we are all one in the body of Christ.