

From Strangers to Family

United by Christ - Ephesians 2:13-18



1) Brought near through sacrifice – vs 13

Words: Christ, blood, but, contrast, central, death, cleanses, in, Father, Jesus, only, means, near, possible

Here we have that wonderful word “_____” after such sad news.

This marks a clear _____ with what has come before.

The first thing Paul emphasises is “in _____”. This is _____ to everything in this section.

Without Him, we would not be brought _____. We can only come near to God if we are _____ Christ.

At the end of the verse, Paul shows us the _____ by which we are brought near.

We are brought near by the _____ of Christ. It is His _____ that has made this _____.

His blood _____ us from sin. This is the _____ way we can come to the _____.

2) Peace and unity through sacrifice – vs 14-16

Words: abolished, alone, breaking, church, death, division, God, hostility, joining, law, life, new, one, peace, separated

Paul emphasises that Jesus Himself is our _____.

He created peace in two ways: by _____ and by _____ down.

Firstly, in Christ, Jew and Gentile become _____ group - the _____.

Second, He breaks down what once _____ them.

Paul points to the _____ that existed between them. Christ has _____ the enmity between them.

This comes through His whole _____ and His _____.

This was done by dealing with the _____ contained in ordinances. These were the ceremonial laws.

Christ _____ is able to make two into one. He creates something completely _____.

There is no longer any _____ between them. Through the cross, there is now peace with _____.

3) Access through Christ to the Father – vs 17-18

Words: access, Christ, gospel, Israel, Jesus, Jews, peace, preached, Spirit, way, washed

Paul quotes from Isaiah, originally spoken to _____.

For Paul, this shows that the _____ is now proclaimed to all. It is _____ to both Jew and Gentile.

The _____ need the gospel just as much as the Gentiles.

Both groups now have the same _____ to God. They also share the same _____.

The access is _____ Himself.

He is the only _____ to the Father. To come to the Father, we must be in _____.

Have you been _____ in His blood. Do you know His _____.