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# Mission of God: God's Peace-Mission

Bible Reading: Eph. 2:14-19

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## Humanity Apart from Christ

- A. All created from Adam but divided due to the fall
- B. Even hostile – toward each other and God
- C. Yet longing for peace according to creation

## A New Humanity in Christ – 2:15

- A. Becoming part of this new humanity
  - 1. through our faith in Christ,
  - 2. becoming a child of God, joined to Christ
- B. Based on the Mission of God
  - 1. Relationship in the Trinity
  - 2. The new humanity (new man) displays the same relationship
- C. Made up of diverse people Rev. 5:9-10
- D. Christ himself is their peace
- E. Unity in diversity
- F. This new humanity is a masterpiece – 2:10

## **Removing Hostility Through the Cross 2:16**

- A. Reconciling both to God
- B. In one body, one unit
- C. The cross put hostility to death
  - 1. Distinctiveness of Jews and non-Jews produced hostility
  - 2. Distinctions: circumcision, Sabbath, festivals, diet, physical separation in eating

## **Proclaiming Peace 2:17**

- A. Peace with God and peace with all people
- B. The gospel of peace 6:15
- C. Our challenge – preach and display this gospel

## **Reconciling Peace produces new relationships – equal access to God by the Spirit – 2:18-19**

- A. New Identities – No longer 'Aliens, strangers, Gentiles;' but God's Kingdom-citizens and Family Members
- B. Biblical peace is not merely absence of hostility
- C. Both have access in one Spirit to the Father
- D. Accepted into God's kingdom equally and together as fellow citizens
- E. Members of God's family, God's household