

Run the Race Well

Ephesians 2:11-22

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What is my reality as a follower of Christ?

- Jesus made me alive (signpost #1)
- My death (old life) is over (signpost #2)
- I walk in a new Kingdom reality (signpost #3)
- Through God's mercy and love (signpost #4)
- One where I live in union with Christ (signpost #5)

What is my reality as a follower of Christ?

- It is God's grace I have been saved, through faith in Jesus (signpost #6)
- God created each one of us uniquely with a destiny that goes with who He created us to be and what He desires to do on this earth. (signpost #7)

Ephesians 2:11-12

¹¹ Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—¹² that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Ephesians 2:13

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

- **Far off** – “far, a great way, distance”
- **Brought near** – “near, of place and position, near access to God”
- **Matthew 26:18**, “My time is at hand...”

Ephesians 2:14

For He Himself (Jesus) is our peace,

- **Peace** – “a state of national tranquility; exemption from the rage and havoc; peace between individuals”

Ephesians 2:14

- **For He Himself (Jesus) is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation (NKJV).**
- **Our reconciling “Peace” is Jesus! He has made Jew and non-Jew one in Christ. By dying as our sacrifice, He has broken down every wall of prejudice that separated us and has now made us equal through our union with Christ (TPT).**

Jesus as our peace
establishes a Kingdom of God
UNITY
through our union with Christ.

Ephesians 2:15

- **having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances*, so as to create in Himself one new man *from the two*, *thus making peace*, (NKJV)**
- **by setting aside in His flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in Himself one new humanity out of two, thus making peace, (NIV)**

Ephesians 2:16

- ***thus* making peace ¹⁶ and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. (NKJV)**
- **thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. (NIV)**
- **Two have now become one, and we live restored to God and reconciled in the body of Christ. Through His crucifixion, hatred died. (TPT)**

Jesus as our peace
establishes a Kingdom of God
RESTORATION TO GOD
through our union with Christ.

Ephesians 2:17-18

- **And He (Jesus) came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. (NKJV)**
- **He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from Him, and peace to the Jews who were near. Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us (NLT).**

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HOLY SPIRIT LED GUIDANCE
through our union with Christ.

- Through Jesus as our peace ... He established unity in humanity, restoration of humanity to God, and a Holy Spirit led people.
- We as the church do not run our race well...
- When we treat others less than or more than ourselves, ignoring the union in Jesus unity that Jesus provided through His blood.
- When we rely on the law for our restoration to God placing pressure on ourselves or others rather than relying on the blood of Jesus that provided our restoration.
- When we try to be Holy Spirit to others including ourselves, rather than allow Holy Spirit to speak and lead each individual.