DON'T WASTE YOUR LIFE



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DON’T WASTE THE CHURCH, PT. 1

Ephesians 2:11–16

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—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

“REMEMBER” THE DISTANCE: YOU COULDN’T BE FURTHER.

Ephesians 2:11–12

REMEMBERING ISN’T TO BRING SHAME ON OUR PAST;

IT’S TO REGAIN OUR GRATITUDE.

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“BUT NOW” YOU ARE NEAR: YOU COULDN’T BE CLOSER.

Ephesians 2:13

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility

Ephesians 2:14

PEACE IS NOT A FEELING; IT'S A PERSON.
The person of Jesus Christ.

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 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, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

Ephesians 2:14–16

Christ removes every barrier. vv. 14–15

Christ creates “one new man in place of the two.” v. 15

Christ reconciles both to God “in one body.” v. 16

Killing the hostility!

I AM SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH TO THE CHURCH.

NOW WHAT? REFUSE TO MAKE PEACE WITH HOSTILITY.

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