

Reconciliation Jew and Gentile

Ephesians 2: 11-22 TPT

So don't forget that you were not born as Jews and were uncircumcised (circumcision itself is just a work of man's hands); you had none of the Jewish covenants and laws; you were foreigners to Israel's incredible heritage; you were without the covenants and prophetic promises of the Messiah, the promised hope, and without God.

Yet look at you now! Everything is new! Although you were once distant and far away from God, now you have been brought delightfully close to Him through the sacred blood of Jesus—you have actually been united to Christ! 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. Ethnic hatred has been dissolved by the crucifixion of His precious body on the cross. The legal code that stood condemning every one of us has now been repealed by His command. His triune essence has made peace between us by starting over—forming one new race of humanity, Jews and non-Jews fused together! Two have now become one, and we live restored to God and reconciled in the body of Christ. Through His crucifixion, hatred died. For the Messiah has come to preach this sweet message of peace to you, the ones who were distant, and to those who are near. And now, because we are united to Christ, we both have equal and direct access in the realm of the Holy

Spirit to come before the Father! So, you are not foreigners or guests, but rather you are the children of the city of the holy ones, with all the rights as family members of the household of God. You are rising like the perfectly fitted stones of the temple; and your lives are being built up together upon the ideal foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, and best of all, you are connected to the Head Cornerstone of the building, the Anointed One, Jesus Christ himself! This entire building is under construction and is continually growing under his supervision until it rises up completed as the holy temple of the Lord himself. This means that God is transforming each one of you into the Holy of Holies, His dwelling place, through the power of the Holy Spirit living in you!”

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HIGH POINTS:

- Jesus is our mutual source of peace.**
- every wall of prejudice and hatred broken down.**
- ethnic hatred dissolved.**
- Jew and Gentile together, one new race of humanity.**
- hatred is dead.**

GOD'S ORIGINAL PLAN:

“Now [in Haran] the LORD had said to Abram, “Go away from your country, And from your relatives And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you; And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you [abundantly], And make your name great (exalted, distinguished); And you shall be a blessing [a source of great good to others];

**And I will bless (do good for, benefit) those who bless you,
And I will curse [that is, subject to My wrath and judgment] the one who curses (despises, dishonors, has contempt for) you.**

And in you all the families (nations) of the earth will be blessed.”

Genesis 12:1-3 AMP

SATAN’S HATRED EXPRESSED THROUGH THE GENTILES:

- 1. The non-Jewish world hated the Jews from the beginning. Egypt enslaved them and isolated them in Goshen. Pharaoh commanded that Jewish baby boys be put to death.**
- 2. Later, all the non-Jewish neighbors surrounding the Promised Land, killed, plundered and enslaved the Jews.**

- 3. In the Middle Ages, every nation in what is now Modern Europe, persecuted the Jews, forcing them to wear a yellow star, forbidding them to own land, confiscating their wealth and homes, segregating them into what became known from the Italian as “ghettoes”, forcing them to convert to Christianity, killing hundreds of thousand, while driving the remaining Jews out of their countries.**
- 4. Institutional persecution was driven by government policy and official church dogma. Catholic and Protestant alike, turned their religious zeal against the “murderers of Jesus”.**
- 5. Listen to what Martin Luther, the father of the Protestant Reformation said, as a frustrated old man:**

“What then shall we Christians do with this rejected and condemned people, the Jews? . . .Their synagogues . . .should be set on fire, and what does not burn must be covered over with earth so that no man will ever see stone or cinder of them again. . . .Their houses also should be razed and destroyed. . . . All their prayer books. . .should be taken from them.”

HITLER AND THE NAZIS FULFILLED THESE WORDS AND EXECUTED THE “Final Solution”

20 years earlier, this is what Luther wrote:

If I had been a Jew and had seen such dolts and blockheads govern and teach the Christian faith, I would sooner have become a hog than a Christian. They

have dealt with the Jews as if they were dogs rather than human beings; they have done little else than deride them and seize their property. When they baptize them they show them nothing of Christian doctrine or life, ... If the apostles, who also were Jews, had dealt with us **Gentiles** as we Gentiles deal with the Jews, there would never have been a Christian among the Gentiles ... When we are inclined to boast of our position [as Christians] we should remember that we are but Gentiles, while the Jews are of the lineage of Christ. We are aliens and in-laws; they are blood relatives, cousins, and brothers of our Lord. Therefore, if one is to boast of flesh and blood the Jews are actually nearer to Christ than we are ... If we really want to help them, we must be guided in our dealings with them not by papal law but by the law of Christian love. We must

receive them cordially, and permit them to trade and work with us, *that they may have occasion and opportunity to associate with us*, hear our Christian teaching, *and witness our Christian life*. If some of them should prove stiff-necked, what of it? After all, we ourselves are not all good Christians either.[24]

**RECONCILIATION IS NEVER LEGAL!
THE LAW WILL NEVER GRANT
FORGIVENESS, NO MERCY!
THE LAW WILL ALWAYS CREATE
WINNERS AND LOSERS!
ONLY JESUS CAN RECONCILE US INTO
RELATIONSHIP, THE ULTIMATE
VICTORY AND BLESSING!**

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