



## RECONCILIATION: THE FOUNDATION OF A SPIRITUAL HOME EPHESIANS 2:11-22

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A heart for reconciliation is the foundation of a spiritual home.

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— - Ephesians 2:11

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 2:12

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

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, - Ephesians 2:15

and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. - Ephesians 2:16

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.
- Ephesians 2:17

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. - Ephesians 2:18

...and might reconcile us both to God in one body THROUGH THE CROSS, thereby killing the hostility. - Ephesians 2:16

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. - Galatians 3:28

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, by you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, - Ephesians 2:19

built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. - Ephesians 2:20-21

In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit. - Ephesians 2:22

...and might RECONCILE us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. - Ephesians 2:16

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new had come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; - 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

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that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. - 2 Corinthians 5:19

Reconciliation in my home is what happens when I treat my family with the same mercy, tenderness and love that I have received from Jesus.

We should make reconciliation the foundation of our homes out of obedience to Jesus.

...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. - Ephesians 5:21

Wives, submit to your own husband, as to the Lord. - Ephesians 5:22

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. - Ephesians 5:23

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. - Ephesians 6:1

Fathers, do not provoke your children in anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. - Ephesians 6:4

Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ. - Ephesians 6:5

We should make reconciliation the foundation of our homes because it brings life to us and to others.

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To turn my heart toward reconciliation I must deal with my pride

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. - Galatians 6:2-3

To turn my heart toward reconciliation I must change my expectations

Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit" - Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that." - James 4:13,15

To turn my heart toward reconciliation I must accept suffering

We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, - Romans 5:3-4

and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. - Romans 5:5

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