

# Ephesians: Unsearchable riches of Christ

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## Study 12: Christ our Peace

**READ** Eph 2:13-18 and **LISTEN** to Pastor Craig Baxter's [sermon](#).

Verses 11-18 contrast the former godlessness of the Gentiles and their exclusion from the people of God with their new experience of closeness to God and inclusion in His people. This change has taken place on the basis of Jesus' death on the cross, which resulted in the abrogation of the Mosaic covenant and the creation of a new people of God. We learn that this new humanity enjoys a relationship of peace with God and peace with one another, especially between Jews and Gentiles.

**Main lesson:** Through the cross Christ has secured true and lasting peace with God and each other

### Questions:

1. Read vv. 11-13. How do the following verses support the idea that God's inclusion of the Gentiles into the people of God was not a new idea: Rom 9:25-26 (Hosea 2:23); Gen 12:1-3 (Rom 9:6b-9).
2. Why is Christ our peace (v. 14a) and why do you think that a rejection of Him is a rejection of peace? See Luke 19:41-42.
3. A. What is the "dividing wall of hostility" Paul refers to (v. 14b) and how did Christ remove this (v. 15a)?  
  
B. What is the law of commandments (v. 15a) and how did it result in hostility between Jew and Gentile?

4. In what way have Jews and Gentiles become one in Christ (vv. 15b-16)? See Eph 3:6; Gal 3:28; 6:15; Col 3:15.
5. How did Christ preach peace to those who were far off (Gentiles) and those who were near (Jews) in His life? How does He now continue that same ministry? See 2 Cor 5:20; John 17:18; 20:21.
6. What is the peace that Christ promises? Have you experienced this peace? Why or why not? See Rom 5:1; John 14:27; 16:33.
7. If Christ is our peace, why couldn't two godly men, like Paul and Barnabas, get along in the ministry?
8. Because Christian unity is such a big deal, is it sinful to form various denominations? Why or why not?
9. How has this passage helped you to understand the possibility and importance of genuine unity among ALL believers no matter race, age etc? How might you apply what you have learnt?

### STOP AND PRAY:

**Praise:** God for His mercy and abounding steadfast love flowing to each generation  
**Thank:** Christ who has removed the hostility and brought us near to God by His blood  
**Pray:** that you would live out what you are in Christ and shine forth the gospel