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## EXPLANATION OF OUR UNION IN CHRIST (Ephesians 2:14-18)

- I. Christ Jesus PERSONIFIES Our PEACE (Eph. 2:14*a*)
  - A. The HOSTILITY between JEWS and GENTILES is RESOLVED in Him
  - B. The ACCEPTANCE between JEWS and GENTILES is PRODUCED in Him
- II. Christ Jesus PRODUCED Our Peace (Eph. 2:14*b*-16)
  - A. WHAT did He do? (2:14*b*-15*a*)
    - 1. He REMOVED the WALL that DIVIDED us
    - 2. He FULFILLED the LAW that CONDEMNED us
  - B. WHY did He do it? (2:15*b*-16*a*)
    - 1. He CREATED in Himself one new PERSON
    - 2. He RECONCILED in Himself both JEWS and GENTILES to GOD
  - C. HOW did He do it? (2:16*b*)
    - 1. He DIED on the CROSS
    - 2. He DESTROYED the HOSTILITY between GOD and MAN

- III. Christ Jesus PROCLAIMED Peace (Eph. 2:17-18)
  - A. The CONTENT of His MESSAGE is PEACE (2:17)
    - 1. His proclamation is AUTHORITATIVE
    - 2. His proclamation is GOOD NEWS
    - 3. His proclamation is for those who "were FAR AWAY" (Gentiles) and for those who "were NEAR" (Jews)
  - B. The CONSEQUENCE of His COMING is ACCESS (2:18)
    - 1. We have MUTUAL access to the Father
    - 2. We have CONTINUAL access to the Father
    - 3. We have IMMEDIATE access to the Father