

Ephesians 2:11-18  
THE EASTER X-FACTOR

---

<sup>11</sup>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—<sup>12</sup>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.

<sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup>For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility <sup>15</sup>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, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

<sup>17</sup>And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup>For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV® Copyright ©1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.® Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.

---

Reflection / discussion questions:

- what do you think is the key to peace in our world?
- what do you make of the claim that peace comes through the death of Jesus?
- can you explain how the death of Jesus brings peace with God and with each other?

- longing for peace

**The cross of Jesus brings  
PEACE with GOD**

- before: far from God

- now: reconciled to God

**The cross of Jesus brings  
PEACE with EACH OTHER**

- before: hostile to one another

- now: made us one