

Good Friday
Death to Hostility and Peace
Through the Unity of the Spirit

Friday, April 2nd, 2021

Ephesians 2: 11-16 NIV

¹¹Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)—¹²remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

1. Jesus Accomplished That Which He Was Sent For

John 19:30 Jesus said, “**It is finished.**” With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Matthew 27: 51-52 ⁵¹At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth shook, the rocks split ⁵²and the tombs broke open. The bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life.

Isaiah 64:1 Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains would tremble before you

2. One New Humanity in Him-Making Peace (vs. 15-16)

Galatians 3:28 ²⁸There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

3. Joined to His Body, We Are to Let His Peace Flow Through

Ephesians 4: 1-6 I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

Hebrews 12:14 Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

Psalm 133:1

How good and pleasant it is when
God’s people live together in unity!