

The Family

Ephesians 2:14-20
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Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (that done in the body by the hands of men)—remember 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. -Ephesians 2:11-12 (NIV)

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. -Ephesians 2:13 (NIV)

Christ brings a bond of _____

For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in Himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility. -Ephesians 2:14-16 (NIV)

Christ provides lives of _____

He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. -Ephesians 2:17 (NIV)

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” -John 14:27 (NIV)

Christ’ example gives us _____ to the Father

For through Him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Ephesians 2:18 (NIV)

Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16 (NIV)

Christ built a f_____ as our f_____

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the chief cornerstone. -Ephesians 2:19-20 (NIV)

Note:

Christ gives us the _____ to _____ Him

In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit. -Ephesians 2:21-22 (NIV)

And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of His glory. -Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV)

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God.” -Revelation 21:3 (NIV)

I am a church member. As God gives opportunity, I will lead my family to be faithful members of this church. We will pray together for our church. We will worship together in our church. We will serve together in our church. And we will ask Christ to help us love this church, because He gave His life for her.
(Ephesians 6:1-4)