THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

PAUL'S PRISON EPISTLE TO THE EPHESIANS

CHAPTER 2:13-18

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SEATED IN THE HEAVENLIES IN CHRIST JESUS

THEME:

Ephesians 1:3
Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ

INTRODUCTION

The Temple of God, and its layout was designed for man to meet with God.
Both for the Jew and Gentile

There was the Court of the Gentiles that surrounded the Temple proper

Entering, There was the Court of the Women and where the priest would sing unto the Lord. Then there was the outer court which led to the inner court which would finally lead to the Holy of Holies (God's meeting place with man upon the earth)

All with extreme protocol and detail

Making it clear that God was not to be casually approached but there was a great price to be paid by the giving of innocent blood

By Jew I mean... Those that were Hebrew by nationality and Jewish by Faith -
Worshippers of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
Followers of Moses and Keepers of the Law.

The Jew had been set apart from all others upon the face of the earth by reason of the relationship with the One True and Living God which was symbolized in the practice of the Circumcision of the flesh

The Gentile was one who was a pagan worshipper (which all men are today). One alienated from God and wayward to the things of God. Without God and with Hope in the world.

But Now Through the Gospel - Gentiles & Jews were Being Saved

1.) What Jesus Has Become for Us

Ephesians 2:13
But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Entrance into a throne room of an ancient monarch or king was an awesome moment

There were armed men before the pavement of the throne
off with the head if that scepter wasn't raised by the king
(Esther - and the King's scepter)

Documents were prepared and you were examined prior to entry
(Like a customs office & Passport & Visa)

The Scepter Has Been Dipped in Blood - That brings us near to God

a) He is Our Access into the Kingdom - Alone

(A) For He Himself is <u>our</u> peace

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	Peace	**GRK 1515 Eirene (i-ray'-nay)** EMPHATIC & STRONG He is our deep quietness, our deep rest, of the soul

Ephesians 6:15
And having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of (Eirene) **peace**!

Philippians 4:6-7
Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;7 and **the** (Eirene) **peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

"For He Himself <u>is</u> our Peace"

Mickey Mouse went to my High School
Because He was Mickey - I could get into the kingdom free!!!

BECAUSE JESUS IS OUR PEACE,
THE EMPHATIC & STRONG DEEP QUIETNESS, AND DEEP REST, OF THE SOUL
- I AM NO LONGER AT WAR WITH GOD

Jesus Christ went to my cross
Because He was God - I can get into the kingdom free!!!

WE SHARE A COMMON POINT OF ORIGIN
- A SINFUL CONDITION

Romans 3:23
For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

SIN WAS INFUSED INTO THE HUMAN RACE VIA ADAMS FALL

THE VERY KNOWLEDGE OF SIN ARGUES FOR HIS EXISTANCE

Ephesians 2:3
Among whom also **we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh**, (we know this) fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. (The unsaved others)

2 Corinthians 8:9
For you know (this is what we know) the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

b) Jesus - Let the Walls Fall Down

"Who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation"

A literal, stone wall of division

At the time of Jesus, the temple was divided by a wall of separation that kept the Gentile and Jew separate
Two inscriptions were unearthed in 1871 & 1934 inscriptions were that read... **"No Gentile may pass beyond the barricade that surrounds the sanctuary and the enclosure. Anyone who does so shall be responsible for his own swift death"**

Today they are on display at the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem

Paul is saying that the barricade,
The wall is now broken down. There is no longer any division between God a man...

1 Timothy 2:5
For there is one God and one Mediator between God
and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

Access to God is available...
...you can cross the line

Picture the "Condemning Inscription"

- "All who cross over shall die" broken down to the ground and rivers of Jews and Gentiles arm in arm stepping over its demand in to the prescience of God

1 John 1:3
That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have Fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. : 4 And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.

The Demands of The Law was Disastrous to Life

2 Corinthians 3:6
Christ has made us ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

The Peace that was needed to bridge that gap between Jew and Gentile. Salvation and Separation - was Jesus Himself

2.) How Did Jesus Do It All for Us

A spiritual, stone wall of division

"Having **abolished** in His flesh the **enmity**, (the Absolute Demands) that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances.....

Abolished **GRK 2673 katargeo (kat-arg-eh'-o)**
To be (rendered powerless or no longer having rights to demand)
to do away, by completing or fulfilling

a) There was a Gulf of Separation

The war, the enmity between God a man

Colossians 2:13-14
When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins,14 having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

Listen to Jesus in Sequential Order, Accomplish what we could not

Luke 23:34
Jesus said, "**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."**

John 19:28
Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, **"I thirst!"**

Matthew 27:46
And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, **"Eli, Eli, Lama Sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"**

John 19:30
So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, **"It is finished!"**
And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

The law of commandments contained in ordinances

“The Law of the Commandments”

This Week in Russia - And the Law

Tonight, you need to see your need for Christ or you are not saved

- Is He your Savior? - Savior from what I ask you?

b) Re-creation was needed for All Mankind

So as to create **in Himself** one new man
From the two, (Jew & Gentile) - thus **making peace**,”.....

vv. 16 and that He might **reconcile** them ((both)) to God in one body (the Church) **through the cross**, thereby putting to death the enmity.

3.) Where Does the Finished Work of Christ Put Us?

And He came and **preached peace** to you who
were afar off and to those who were near.

More Than Near to God

Ezekiel 36:27
"I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them."

By His work upon the cross, Jesus produced “The Good News” the gospel of God

But none of them (us, Jew & Gentile alike) where allowed perfect access as we have today in Christ - Not a One

Matthew 12:18
"Behold, My Servant whom I have chosen, my Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He will declare justice to the Gentiles.

For through Him we both have access **by one Spirit to the Father**.

Access Again

Romans 5:1-2
Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand

Access Again

John 10:9
"I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

Access Again

John 14:6
Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Access Again

1 Timothy 2:5
For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus

By God's Working Power

(A) In Verse 15 God Created Peace is made
(B) In Verse 16 God Reconciles Through the Cross

2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. :18 Now all things are of God, who has **reconciled** us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of **reconciliation** :19 that is, that God was in Christ **reconciling** the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of **reconciliation**. :20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be **reconciled** to God. (((WHY ?))):21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Eden can be experienced again
- With God - right now

Fellowship and Access NOW - Personally - On the Street - Access

In a Place of Peace Forever Now

Jesus' Normal Manner was to go to the Synagogue to Minister

Luke 4:18
Jesus turned to and read From Isaiah
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; he has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed;"

b) Eternal Unity with God - Secure Forever

c) For it is All Guaranteed by the Performer

vv. 18 For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Vv.16 That **He might reconcile** them both to God in one body by the cross

vv. 15 Having abolished **in His flesh** the enmity, that is, the law of commandments

vv. 15 So as to create **in Himself** one new man from the two, thus making peace

Hebrews 4:14
Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 10:19
Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

Matthew 7
"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. :8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."