

Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that you will have a heart ready to bear from God. Pray that our services will glorify God and be a treat for all the dads with us this weekend!

## Prayer Updates

### JOY & BLESSINGS

Long-time TLC family members **Charlie & Gayle Cook** are celebrating their 65th Wedding anniversary (cards may be sent to 481 Mojave Ct., Atwater, CA 95301).

### HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Dorrell Smith – trouble with ulcers

Gordon Coggins – injured his hand from a fall at RCU

Irvin Smith – remains in ICU, critical condition

Jeremy Holmes (age 19, son of Tracy & Debbie) –UCSF, cancer complication, BUT kidneys recovering, wound healing, beginning to walk again

Linda Johnson – foot surgery 6/6

Ritchie Smith – hand & arm bone graft from hip due to motorcycle accident, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center

Trudi Jackson – emphysema

**Hospice Care:** Adrienne Gomes (husband Ryan, they have a baby & toddler)

### HOME WITH THE LORD

Heartfelt prayer is extended to Bruce Bedayan in the loss of his wife, **Roberly Bedayan**, after a long and arduous cancer journey.

Remember Dick Grover, in the loss of his wife, **Gertrude Grover**. Dick and Gert were married for 57 years and were actively involved at Twin Lakes Church for the past 29 years. A remembrance gathering will be at 2pm on Sunday, June 24th, in San Jose at The Vineyard Meeting Room, located at 2907 “The Villages” Parkway. An RSVP to lindagj@yahoo.com would be appreciated.

### We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center. You can also subscribe to our online Prayer Update at [www.tlc.org/profiles](http://www.tlc.org/profiles).



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## Give Peace a Chance

Part 4: Ephesians 2:11-22  
June 9 & 10, 2007 • René Schlaepfer

For thousands of years, humans have fought each other. But what does the Bible say about the problem... and the solution?

### What's the problem?

- \_\_\_\_\_ **alienation**  
“...remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called ‘**uncircumcised**’ by those who call themselves ‘the circumcision’...” v. 11
- \_\_\_\_\_ **alienation**  
“...remember that at that time you were separate from **Christ**, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the **promise**...” v. 12a
- \_\_\_\_\_ **alienation**  
“...without **hope** and without God in the world.” v. 12b

### What's the solution?

1. **Jesus removes our** \_\_\_\_\_  
“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.” v. 13
2. **Jesus removes our** \_\_\_\_\_  
“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.” v. 14,15

### What's the result?

1. **We are one** \_\_\_\_\_  
“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.” v. 16
2. **We have one** \_\_\_\_\_  
“He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him **we both have access** to the Father by one Spirit.” v. 17,18

### 3. We are fellow \_\_\_\_\_ of one \_\_\_\_\_

“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but **fellow citizens** with God’s people...”  
v. 19a

### 4. We are sisters and brothers of one \_\_\_\_\_

“...and **members of God’s household**...” v. 19b

### 5. We are one \_\_\_\_\_

“...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 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.” v. 20-22

## Two Questions:

How do I sometimes rebuild the barriers Jesus came to tear down?

How can I live in the peace of Christ?

In the second half of Ephesians, Paul describes what it’s like to live in the peace of Christ in my family, at work, and throughout life!

# Daily Meditations

## Monday

Read Eph. 2:11-22. What impacted you the most about this last weekend’s message? How can you apply what you learned to your life this week?

Focus on verses 11 and 12 today. We talked about the three types of alienation found in this passage: social, spiritual and emotional. How have you experienced these types of alienation? Which has been most difficult for you?

*Thank God today that He came to bring peace. Ask Him to give you a sensitivity towards those who feel alienated. Pray that He would use you as an instrument of peace with those you encounter today.*

## Tuesday

Read Romans 5:1-2 & Ephesians 2:13-15. What do these passages say is the ultimate solution to alienation?

Write down three ways the peace of Christ has impacted your life.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

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Who in your life are you struggling to live at peace with? How can you apply the peace that you have in Christ to that situation?

*Thank God today for His salvation. Talk to Him about the areas of your life and relationships that lack a sense of peace. Pray that He will show you how to live in His peace each day. Pray for the courage to be a representative of His peace.*

## Wednesday

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 & Ephesians 2:16. What metaphor does Paul use to describe the peace we have in Christ?

Why is a body a good metaphor for peace and unity?

Think about the struggles you’ve had with unity lately. How would applying this metaphor help you view that conflict differently?

What part do you play in the body of Christ?

*Thank God today that He has designed us to work best with others. Thank Him for giving you a special part in the body of Christ. Pray that you will view those you have conflict with as part of the same body. Ask God to give you the faith to trust His arrangement of the body of Christ.*

## Thursday

Read Ephesians 2:17-22. In verses 17-18 Paul says that you have access to God through Christ. This should blow your mind! Spend a moment meditating on that idea. What does that mean?

In verses 19-22 how does Paul describe your place in Christ? How are these antidotes to the three types of alienation we discussed on Monday?

*Thank God today you have direct access to Him. Thank Him for His eternal answers to your struggles with feeling alienated. Pray that you will live with confidence as you grow in your understanding of your standing with God.*

## Friday

Reread Ephesians 2:11-22. Spend time thinking about the last two questions in your notes. Write down your thoughts – be honest!

How do I sometimes rebuild the barriers Jesus came to tear down?

How can I live in the peace of Christ?

*As you pray today, thank God again for the peace you have with Him through Jesus Christ. Pray for those in your life who don’t yet know that peace. Pray that your life will radiate the peace of God and bless those you encounter.*

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“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household.” Ephesians 2:19