

**Made to be at Peace**

Ephesians 2:11-22

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**Introduction:** William Faulkner once wrote, “Memory knows before knowing remembers.” In other words, there are some experiences in our lives that have such a profound effect on us that, perhaps even without our conscious awareness, they cause us to feel and react a certain way. How incredible would it be if we could burn the gospel into our minds in such a way that the memory of what God has done for us in Christ consistently shapes our thoughts and actions?

**A PORTRAIT (OF RECONCILIATION) TO REMEMBER****1.****2.****3.**

1. Do you have a tendency to live in the past? Do you constantly think about the future? What benefits can we gain by looking to the past? When can this be a negative exercise? (Cf. Eph. 2:11, 12)
2. What’s the significance of the spatial language in v. 13 (“near” and “far”)?
3. One consequence of sin is that it drives a wedge between us and other people. How so?
4. What does it mean that Christ has “abolished the law of commandments expressed in ordinances” (v.15)?
5. Are there “shadows” in your life (i.e., preferences, ministries, extra-biblical priorities) that threaten to become sources of division? What are they? How will you deal with them?
6. What are some of the benefits of being “members of the household of God” (v.19)?