

11 Consequently, remember! Remember that you Gentiles were "goners"!

Remember that formerly you all
(who are Gentiles by human flesh),
who are the ones called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the
circumcision"

(Circumcision, by the way, is just another human flesh distinction achieved by merely
human hands.),

12 remember that at that time you were completely separated from Christ.
You were absolutely excluded from citizenship in the nation of Israel,
and you were total strangers to the legal covenants which grant the promises of God.
You had no hope in the next world and no God in this world.

13 However! Now the impossible has happened!

In Christ Jesus all you Gentiles who were once far, far away
have been brought very close by the blood of Christ.

14 How come? Because He Himself is our peace who made the both of us one!

And He demolished the barrier of the dividing wall,
that hatred between Jews and Gentiles.

He performed the demolition in His executed flesh on the cross.

15 He abolished even the law of the commandments contained in written and binding ordinances
in order that in Himself He might join the two groups into one new humanity thus
establishing peace.

16 He also abolished the commandments in order that He might reconcile both groups to God in
one body through the cross.

In Himself He put to death the hatred between Jews and Gentiles.

17 And Christ came and announced peace to you who were far, far away
and peace to those who were close by,

18 in order that through Him both of us, Jews and Gentiles alike,
would have access in one Spirit to the Father.

19 So then, you are no longer strangers and foreigners!

But instead, you are fellow-citizens with the holy ones!

And you are members of God's household!

20 You have been constructed upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets.

Christ Jesus Himself is the cornerstone!

21 In Him the whole building is being fitted together.

It's growing into a holy temple in the Lord.

22 In Him you Gentiles also are being constructed together into a dwelling place of God in
the Spirit.