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Scripture: Ephesians 2:14-18

Series: God's Family

Title: The End of Hostility

Ephesians 2: 14-18 – *For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.*

What led to hostility?

What did Christ do about it?

How it practically leads to peace:

Questions for Reflection & Discussion

Ephesians 2:14-18

1. In general, do you see Christians adding to the anger and hostility in our nation or working to bring peace?
2. What similarities do you see between the hostility of Jewish and Gentile believers of the 1st century and our situation today?
3. What group or person tends to make you feel hostile or angry?
4. When you feel your temperature rising against a person or group, are you more likely to attempt to calm yourself or to tell yourself reasons that your anger/hostility is justified?
5. Can you identify a way in which you might consider yourself superior to those who make you angry?
6. Which do you believe has a higher likelihood of developing peace between two hostile groups: a) claiming everyone is basically good, worthy, and beautiful? or b) claiming everyone has failed and is in need of grace? Why?
7. What would be practically helpful to bring peace to your heart and actions when you feel hostile or angry?