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THE OLD HAS GONE, THE NEW IS HERE!

**APRIL 25, 2021 / RECONCILED TO EACH OTHER / EPHESIANS 2:11-18
IN JESUS, THE ROOT CAUSE OF OUR HUMAN PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION HAVE
BEEN DESTROYED.**

In Jesus, God has opened up a way to invite lost humanity back into a healed relationship with himself. We call this vertical reconciliation. Jesus said a right relationship with God is supposed to impact our relationships with others directly. Loving God means loving your neighbor. We call this horizontal reconciliation. In this well-known passage on reconciliation, we are called to become who we are, to live out a reconciliation in our relationships that has been achieved in the finished work of Jesus.

READ Ephesians 2:11-22

1. What was the cause of the deep animosity between Jews and Gentiles in the New Testament? (see Luke 18:9)
2. Have you ever experienced prejudice by others in your life?
3. How has your experience with the gospel changed the way you receive or express judgment? (see 1 Corinthians 4:3-5)
4. Why was the law of God not only a barrier between Jews and Gentiles but between Jews and God (Ephesians 2:15)? (see Romans 3:19-20)
5. What is the new humanity being spoken of here (Ephesians 2:15)? (see Acts 4:32-35)
6. What are some simple steps you can take to exercise a greater gospel reconciliation with others in your life today?

God and Father, help me to better live out the gospel with the people with whom I disagree or who disagree with me.