## A Guide to Inter-Ethnic Relationships

Ephesians: Living in Light of Our Eternal Portfolio | Dr. Michael Rydelnik Ephesians 2:11–22

I. The Problem: Alienation vv. 11-12

A. The Jewish attitude was condescending. v.11

B. The Pagan Situation was absolutely lost. v. 12

1. Without Messiah — No messianic hope to wait for

2. Without Status - Nor rights to stand on

3. Without Covenants — No promises to claim

4. Without Hope — Nothing to look forward to

5. Without God — No relationship with God

II. The Solution: Reconciliation vv. 13-18

A. The Statement of Reconciliation: Messiah Jesus has reconciled

us to God v. 13

B. The Explanation of Reconciliation vv.14-18

1. Messiah Jesus personifies peace

2. Messiah Jesus produces peace.

a. The Picture: The Dividing Wall

b. The Process: Rendering the Law inoperative through

Messiah's death

3. Messiah Yeshua proclaims peace.

a. Between Jews and Gentiles — One New Man

b. Between God and Sinful Humanity — Equal Access to God

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III. The Result: Unification vv. 19-22

A. United in God's Kingdom

B. United in God's Family

C. United in God's Temple

IV. The Bottom Line: God has reconciled people of every nation to Himself so that people of every nation might be reconciled to each other.

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