



*Today's Topic: Learning Peace
Ephesians 2:1-22
Sunday, September 12, 2021*

1. _____ **What We Don't** _____

"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by _____ you have been saved." Ephesians 2:4-5

2. _____ **What We Can't** _____

*"...[R]emember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were _____ have been brought near by the blood of Christ."
Ephesians 2:12-13*

"His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the _____, by which he put to death their hostility." Ephesians 2:15b-16

3. _____ **What We Can't** _____

"In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being _____ to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit." Ephesians 2:21-22

The Point:

Next Steps: Win your next battle in the army of God's love!

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is peace so difficult to achieve?
2. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. How does Paul describe our existence without a knowledge of Christ Jesus? What should change when we discover the grace of God revealed in Jesus?
3. Read Ephesians 2:11-18. Describe the division that Paul references in this passage. How does Christ bring these two sides together? How are the two sides similar, even though they may seem different?
4. Read Ephesians 2:19-22. In what ways is the family that Christ established like a well-built temple? How does this image help us to manage our anger toward other members of this family?
5. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?