**R1045 - Rumination for Feb 9, 2025**

The **T**heme: **Christ, Our Peace** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *For He is our* ***P****eace, who hath made both one,*

 *and hath broken down the middle wall of* ***P****artition* *between us.* Eph. 2:14

The **T**hots:

1. **Our Position.** **2:11-13**
2. What We Were **C**alled – *the Uncircumcision.* 2:11

*Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision…*

1. How we were **C**haracterised – *that at that time ye were…* 2:12
2. W*ithout* ***C****hrist.*
3. Without **C**itizenship - *aliens from the commonwealth of Israel*
4. Without **C**ovenant - *strangers from the covenants of promise*
5. Without **C**alling – *having no hope*
6. Without the **C**reator God - *and without God in the world:*
7. How we have been **C**hanged – 2:13

*But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*

1. The **M**anner of the **C**hange –
2. *Without Christ* to Being *in Christ*.
3. Being *far off* to Being *Made Near.*
4. The **M**eans of the **C**hange – *by the Blood of Christ.*

1. **Our Person – Christ, *He is our Peace* Eph. 2:14-16**
2. Christ’s **R**ole as **P**eace-maker. 2:14
3. He has **B**roken down the **B**arrier… 2:14

*For He is our* ***P****eace, who hath made* ***B****oth one,*

*and hath* ***B****roken down the middle wall of* ***P****artition* ***B****etween us* – i.e. *…*

1. Between *Jew* and ***G****entile* – the Barrier of **S**piritual **P**rejudice (or **P**ride) cf. I Cor. 12:13

*For ﻿by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, ﻿whether we be Jews or ﻿Gentiles, ﻿*

*whether we be bond or free; and ﻿have been all made to drink into ﻿one Spirit.*

1. Between **G**od and the **P**eople – the Barrier of a **S**inful **P**osition; 2:15, 16

*﻿*Cf. *As far as the east is from the west, So far hath He ﻿removed our transgressions from us.* Psa. 103:12

1. He has **B**orne in His own **B**ody… 2:15, 16
2. The **D**emands of the Law. 2:15a

*Having abolished in His flesh the enmity,* ***even the law of commandments*** *contained in ordinances;*

1. The **D**eath Meted out by the Law - 2:16

 *And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body* ***by the cross****, having slain the enmity thereby:*

1. The **R**econciliation **R**esulting in the **P**ossession of His **P**eace. 2:16-18

The Jew and the Gentile…

1. The Two were made **O**ne in Him 2:15b, 16, 17

*for to make in Himself of twain one new man, so making peace;*

 *And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.*

1. *Those afar off* (Gentiles);
2. *And those who were near* (Jews).
3. *And that He might reconcile both* (Jews and Gentiles)

*unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby.*

1. The Two now have Access to the Father through Him by **O**ne Spirit – He is our Mediator. 2:18

*For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.*

1. Both have **A**ccess – there is no more **D**ifference

*There is neither Jew nor Greek* (Gentile)…

*There is neither bond nor free*

*There is neither male nor female*

*For ye are all one in Christ Jesus.* Gal. 3:28

1. Both can **A**pproach – there is no more **D**ivision.
* *Through Christ* – our **P**eace;
* *By the one Spirit* – our **P**ower;
* *Unto the Father* – the **P**erson to Worship.

**Con.** The **A**ccess: *Let us draw near* Heb. 10:22

The **A**ssurance: *with a true heart in ﻿full assurance of faith, ﻿*

The **A**ttestation: *having our hearts ﻿sprinkled from an evil conscience,*

The **A**ttention: *and our bodies ﻿washed ﻿with pure water.*

 *Come, Jew and Gentile both, Come all, with one accord;*

 *Come to His courts today, And gladly praise the Lord.* L. D. Harrington

**Points To Ponder:** *Jesus is the* ***P****rince of* ***P****eace –*

*May His* ***P****eace and* ***P****rosperity be your* ***P****ortion this Chinese New Year.*