

## The Greatest Peace Mission

Ephesians 2:11–22

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Day 1: Remember Where You Came From

Passage: Ephesians 2:11–12

*Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)— 12 remember 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.*

Reflection:

Paul begins with a bold reminder: You were once far from God.

Not to shame you—but to awaken gratitude.

We were outsiders, strangers to the promise, without hope, and without God.

But Jesus changed everything.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for rescuing me when I was far from You.

Help me never forget the grace You showed me.

Remind me that everyone I meet is someone You long to bring near.

Challenge:

Write down 3 ways your life has changed since coming to Christ.

Thank God specifically for each one.

## Day 2: The Blood That Brought Us Near

Passage: Ephesians 2:13–15

*But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

*14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace,*

Reflection:

“But now...” — two words that changed everything.

Through His blood, Jesus didn’t just forgive—you were brought near.

He is our peace. He tore down the wall between people and God... and each other.

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for being my peace.

Tear down the walls I’ve built—between me and You, and between me and others.

Help me live like someone You’ve brought close.

Challenge:

Identify one wall—emotional, relational, spiritual—you’ve built.

Ask God what it would look like to start dismantling it.

### Day 3: No Longer Strangers

Passage: Ephesians 2:16–17

*and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.*

#### Reflection:

Jesus reconciles both us to God and us to each other.

No more hostility. No more outsiders.

In Christ, you are not a stranger. You are seen. Loved. Welcomed.

#### Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for making peace through the cross.

Heal the places in my heart still distant.

Make me a person who builds peace in a broken world.

#### Challenge:

Reach out to someone you've grown distant from.

Send a message, make a call, or simply pray for them by name today.

## Day 4: A Family with a Foundation

Passage: Ephesians 2:18–19

*For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.*

*19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,*

### Reflection:

You're not a guest in God's house—you're family.

Jesus gave you access to the Father.

You're part of a new household where love, grace, and purpose are the culture.

### Prayer:

Father, thank You for making me part of Your family.

Help me love others with the same welcome and grace You've shown me.

### Challenge:

Invite someone into your spiritual life this week.

It could be church, prayer, or even just a meaningful conversation.

## Day 5: A Dwelling Place for God

Passage: Ephesians 2:20–22

*built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

### Reflection:

You are part of God's temple.

Jesus is the cornerstone, and we are living stones—being built together.

God doesn't just visit your life. He lives in you.

### Prayer:

God, thank You for making me part of something bigger than myself.

Make me a strong, faithful part of Your dwelling place.

### Challenge:

Spend 10 minutes in quiet today.

Ask God to make you more aware of His presence—in your heart and in His people.