

Main Point: Christ died to create a new community at peace with the Living God and with one another. Chinese Baptist Church is to remember our standing as one in Christ, who is our Peace. And we must strive to be in unity, in harmony, with fellow believers/church members, for the sake of the gospel and the glory of God.

**I. WHO WE WERE (2:11-12)**

- a. We were separate from God's people/Israel (2:11)
  - i. Remember: recall your former status in order to appreciate your current identity
  - ii. Gentiles: ethnos, ethnic and ethnicity
  - iii. Flesh circumcision: Lev 26:41, Deut 10:16
  - iv. Spiritual/Heart circumcision: Rom 2:28-29, 4:9-12, Gal 6:15
- b. We were separate from God and his promises (2:12)
  - i. Separate from Christ: Messiah  
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  - ii. Excluded from the citizenship of Israel:  
Lacked the \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. Foreigners to the covenant of promise:
    - 1. OT Covenant – Under the Law
      - a. Conditional/Unconditional: Gen 12, Ex 19-20, Deut 30, 2 Sam 7:16
  - iv. New Covenant – Law of Grace
    - 1. Jer 31, Ez 36
  - v. Without hope:
  - vi. Without God in the world: 1 Cor 8:5-6, Gal 4:8, 1 Thess 4:5

**II. WHAT CHRIST ACCOMPLISHED (2:13-18)**

- a. Christ brought us near to God's people and to God (2:13)
  - i. Rom 3:21, 6:21-22, 7:5-6, Col 1:21-22, 3:5-8, 1 Pet 2:20
  - ii. Sacrifice/Atonement: Lev 16, 17:11, Rom 5:6-11, Heb 9, 12, 1 Pet 3:18
    - 1. Christ's shed blood for all, payment for the sins made, wrath of God appeased:
      - a. 1 John 2:2, 1 Tim 2:6, Col 1:20, 2 Cor 5:15-19, Mk 10:45, Heb 10:10-12
- b. Christ reconciled us and Jews with each other and with God (2:14-16)
  - i. Peace: Removal of \_\_\_\_\_  
between Gentiles and Jews
    - 1. Col 1:20, Is 9:6, Mic 5:5
  - ii. Peace involves \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (4:16, 32)
  - iii. Two groups into ONE: One New Man, One New Creation
- c. Christ gives us access to God in one Spirit (2:17-18)

**III. WHO WE ARE (2:19-22)**

**Application:**

- 1. Remember your day of salvation and praise God and share this grace with the unbelievers around you
- 2. Remember that we are meant to be in local congregations; true community is created, not discovered.
- 3. Remember that Christians of all ethnicities are one body in Christ, praise God