

you who were formerly far off have been brought near by the blood of the Messiah. 3•For he himself, our peace, is the one who makes both groups into one and who tears down the partitioning fence. 4•In his flesh, he abolishes the source of disunity, the Covenant of instructions consisting of divine decrees. 5•This is so, in that, insofar as he makes peace, in him he creates the two different men into one new man. 6•And this is so in that, by killing the disunity in him through the cross, he reconciles both groups to God with the one body. 7•And he came and heralded peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, because, through him, by the one Spirit, we both have access to the mercy of the Father.

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- 11 So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens. 2•Rather, you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of God's family. 3•These are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Messiah Jesus himself being the cornerstone. 4•In him, the whole building being pieced together is rising up into a holy temple for the Lord. 5•In him, you too, by the Spirit, are being built with them into a dwelling place for God.

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