

Ephesians 2:11-22 reconciliation changes for the better relationships between 2 or more ... man to man or man to God

Ephesian 2:3

Romans 10:10 a hard heart will NOT hear truth, especially the truth of God; wait on the Lord to address that person and soften and prepare the heart to listen and respond rather than react to the reality of salvation and our need for it, the truth of both the mercy and judgment of God Himself.

Isaiah 59:2 sin separates

2 Corinthians 5:18 we have another task... reconciliation, not separation

Ephesians 2:1-10, 11-12 reconciliation & unity, between men and then between man and God

Ephesians 2:1-3 lays out exactly what we were before bending the knee to Jesus; all of what we were can slip from our memories~ we want to forget our past. Don't. If you forget the past, you will repeat it. We still battle with the forces of evil and sin, but now have a way to fight back... vs 4 We are quickened together with Christ, by grace and with His covering

Romans 6:21 don't forget your past, learn from it...

Luke 16:15 be careful about self-justification... it does not fool God; watch out for using outward judgments about self (looks, works, stuff you own) vs. where we stand in God's estimation

Romans 4 a review of the profit of

1 Corinthians 7:18 don't worry about the physical outward appearances... work on the inside, your heart, your attitudes, your choices, your behavior,

Deuteronomy 30:6 circumcision of the heart, even in the OT

Colossians 2:11 obedience by a good heart

Galatians 5:6 faith is the key

Galatians 6:15 new creature, from the inside out...

2 Samuel 7:14 He loves us like a father

Isaiah 53:11 the Messiah

John 1:29 the Lamb

1 Corinthians 10:4 the Rock

John 14:6 the Way, Truth, and Life

Genesis 12:1-3 God's purpose and promise comes through the seed of Abraham alone... that Seed is Jesus the Christ

John 14:6 Jesus, and Jesus alone, provides the way to salvation and reconciliation with the Father; do NOT take your eyes off of Jesus!!

Acts 4:12 there is NONE OTHER NAME in any place or at any time; His name is Jesus!!!

1 Timothy 2:5-6 One God and one mediator between God and men... Jesus

1 John 5:11-12 only Jesus gives eternal life!

Ephesians 2:13-22 reconciliation and family adoption through the cross and the work of the Spirit and Jesus blood covering and payment of sins in our lives

2 Corinthians 5:17 all things are new, only through Jesus Christ!

Ephesians 2:14-15 we are reconciled and made one culture and ethnic background ~ the culture, family and ethnics of Jesus the Christ and the whole family of God! The book of Acts is the history of this combined family, the family of Jesus...Jew and Gentile. No more enmity between Jews, Gentile and God Himself

Galatians 4:4-5 adoption and redemption... barriers are gone, and the debt paid

Galatians 3:26-29 One in Christ and Heirs of the Promise!

The church is a new entity born by the death burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Everyone that bends the knee and reconciled to God is born into this new body~the Church of Jesus Christ... We are joined to every other saint, every other person who has bent the knee and become a sold-out follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. The bond among the family of God members is real, is palpable, and allows us to have an extra sense of who is a part of our new family, and part of our fellowship of believers. It also gives us a sense of uncomfortability and a sense of separation when among those who have not yet come to know Him.