

## Our Church: A Dwelling Place for God?

Ephesians 2:11-22

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Have we reached our destination? Do we have a culture of peace now?

1. Our Church: the Community of the \_\_\_\_\_ . (vv 11-12)

- Paul reminds us of our \_\_\_\_\_ .
- We were \_\_\_\_\_ apart from Christ.

2. Our Church: the Community of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ . (vv 13-18)

- Our \_\_\_\_\_ was purchased by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
- For Christians in conflict, the blood of Christ brings peace with \_\_\_\_\_ and with \_\_\_\_\_ .
- The basis or ground for reconciliation with other believers is the presence of the \_\_\_\_\_ in all Christians.

3. Our Church: a dwelling place for God? (vv 19-22)

- We can be confident because the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church is built on the solid foundation of Christ.
- The Lord is making our church into a dwelling where \_\_\_\_\_ lives by his \_\_\_\_\_ .

Conclusion: We have a great calling as Christians – to be peacemakers because of the peace we have in Christ. To be reconcilers because we've been reconciled. To be a people where God chooses to live by his Spirit.

Challenge: Can we be a dwelling place for God? It sounds like too much for us. But Ephesians 3:20-21 gives us confidence and hope in the God who does unthinkable things through his church.