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...to Live in Peace – Ephesians 2:11-22

Discussion Points

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Read/Reflect

1. Read Ephesians 2:11-22. Try to place yourself in the story – hearing this passage as a Jew (insider), and then as a Gentile (outsider). What reactions do you have in either case?
2. What other stories in Scripture talk about peace and making peace?

Explore

3. Of the three virtues that introduce the fruit of the Spirit, which one figures prominently, and which one seems to get the least emphasis? Why do you think that is?
4. If someone asked you to imagine peace, what image would be in your mind? What does this tell you about your perspective on peace?
5. What does it mean to “pass the peace of Christ” to each other?
6. In what ways does your life presently display peace? In what ways do you need to pray for peace to be present?
7. How can you live at peace when it feels like you are living your life in a prison? If you are familiar with the movie [Shawshank Redemption](#), take a look at this clip from the movie - Click [here](#).

Pray

Pray for peace in the following areas of the world (click [here](#) to see a comprehensive report):

- Canada (relations with First Nations)
- USA (political and cultural unrest)
- Ethiopia (conflict in Tigray)
- Yemen (on-going civil war)
- Afghanistan (unrest with Taliban)
- Venezuela (political unrest)
- Somalia (civil war)
- Other: _____

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

