

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Read 2:11-21. Yesterday we saw the truth that in Christ alienation is removed and peace, real peace is given. Alienation comes from a breakdown in a relationship, and its consequences are all negative. Peace is harmony and wholeness. Check the outline and review the reality that apart from Christ everyone is alienated from God.

Tuesday. We don't need to be told that alienation is part of life in this world. As you review the alienation of Jews and Greeks that Paul describes, note the universal truths for all people. Why are our own efforts to stamp out hostility and hatred so limited?

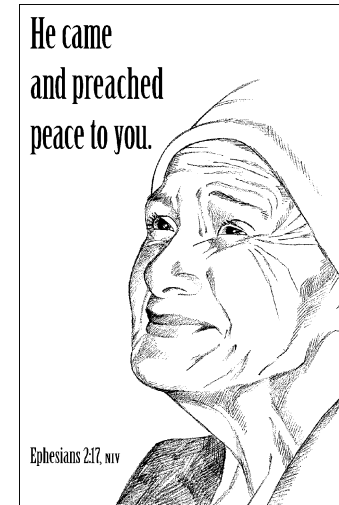
Wednesday. God provides peace, perfect peace. Jesus Christ *is* our peace (2:14). He establishes peace with God for everyone who comes to Him in faith (see Romans 5:1). Are you experiencing God's peace today? What can prevent Christians from experiencing the peace that Christ has established and given to us? How do we prevent our experience of peace from being stolen (see Philippians 4:4-9)?

Thursday. God establishes peace between people who are believers—between *everyone* of us. Review the references and notes on the outline sheet about this. This does not refer to a world-wide unity of all people, but a unity and peace among all believers. If God gives it to us, why don't we always experience it? What is our part in experiencing it (see Ephesians 4:3)?

Friday – Saturday. On Sunday we plan to move on to 3:1-13. Read this section in preparation for our time together.

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Worship In Proclamation



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“Peace ... Real Peace”
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Ephesians 2:11-22

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"Peace ... Real Peace"

Ephesians 2:11-22

Theme: **Jesus Christ Is Our Peace.**

Our Pervasive Lack Of Peace.

1. Alienated from God. (12-13, 19)

2. Alienated from each other. (11-12, 14)

God's Provision Of Perfect Peace.

1. Peace between God and us. (13, 15-18)

2. Peace between each other. (13, 15-22)

(Turn over for "In My Life This Week")