

New Salem Church

Sermon Outline

Date: Sunday-September 15, 2024

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Speaker: Pastor Jamaal Cox

Sermon Topic: “Alienation to Reconciliation to New Creation”

Key Scripture: Ephesians 2:11-22

Main Point: Christ Jesus, our peacemaker, brings us near to God, reconciles us to God, and makes us new through the Holy Spirit.

Points:

1. Once Far Off
 - a. Our ethnicity separated us all from God
 - b. Jew and Gentile did not get along
 - c. We did not have access to the covenants of God
 - i. Father Abraham had many sons...
 - ii. That did not apply to us
 - d. We had no hope of a Messiah

2. The Prince of Peace Reconciles
 - a. But now in Christ Jesus...
 - b. Our union with Christ means we are reconciled vertically and horizontally
 - c. We have been brought near by the blood of Christ
 - d. He himself → αὐτὸς γάρ ἐστιν (Greek) – Major emphasis
 - e. Isaiah 9:5 → For He himself is our peace
 - i. Breaking down the dividing wall of hostility
 - ii. Abolishing the Jewish ordinances
 - f. Matthew 5:9

3. New Creation
 - a. Jesus did not meld the two together, Jew and Gentile
 - b. Jesus created Christians. A new race.
 - c. The plan of God is a trinitarian work → Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
 - d. God is building His Church, Christ's bride
 - e. As new creations, Ephesians 4-6 will help us see what it looks like to live.

My Thoughts/Observations/Questions

Scripture References
