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## Ephesians 2

NLT

**14** For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.

**15** He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups.

**16** Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

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# Cornelius Was A Good Man

- ◆ He Was Devout
- ◆ He Feared God
- ◆ He Gave Alms Generously
- ◆ He Prayed To God Always

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## Acts 11

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**13** He told us how an angel had appeared to him in his home and had told him, 'Send messengers to Joppa, and summon a man named Simon Peter.

**14** He will tell you how you and everyone in your household can be saved!'

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William H. Marty, The Moody Bible Commentary

Despite his devotion, Cornelius was not yet saved. The point is that regardless of nationality, those who seek God are welcomed by Him and so God will, in His sovereignty, extend greater light to such people.

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## **2. Everyone Needs Peace With God Through Jesus** **(v34-41)**



Peter prefaced his message with a frank admission. Up to now he had believed that God's favor was limited to the nation of Israel. Now he realized that God did not respect a man's person because of his nationality, but was interested in an honest, contrite heart, whether in a Jew or a Gentile.



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## **2. Everyone Needs Peace With God Through Jesus** **(v34-41)**



Warren Wiersbe, The Bible Exposition Commentary

The seeking Savior will find the seeking sinner. Wherever there is a searching heart, God responds.

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## Colossians 1

NLT

**19** For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ,

**20** and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

**21** This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions.

**22** Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

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## Romans 3

NLT

**21** But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago.

**22** We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

**23** For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

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## **3. Everyone Who Believes In Jesus Is Forgiven** **(v42-48)**



Peter then announced the good news:  
“everyone who believes in him will  
have their sins forgiven”. His hearers  
laid hold of that word “everyone,”  
applied it to themselves, believed on  
Jesus Christ and were saved.



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## **3. Everyone Who Believes In Jesus Is Forgiven** **(v42-48)**



There could be no mistake about what had happened. Just as the first Jewish believers had received the Spirit and praised God in other tongues on the day of Pentecost, so now these Gentiles received the identical gift of God.



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## **3. Everyone Who Believes In Jesus Is Forgiven** **(v42-48)**



Baptism with the Spirit was Jesus' sign of His acceptance of them, and baptism with water was their sign of their acceptance of Him.



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From now on, the order will be: hear the Word, believe on Christ, and receive the Spirit, and then be baptized and unite with other believers in the church to serve and worship God.

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