

Ephesians 2:11-22 English Standard Version (ESV)

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- ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. ¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by ^[b] the Spirit.

2 Cor. 5:18-19 (ESV)

- All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; [19] that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Remember Who We Were (Ephesians 2:11-12)

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands- [12] remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

- No Past, No Present, No Future, No God and No Hope. We were a people who were under God’s wrath
- To be without God is to be without hope

Romans 15:8-13 (ESV)

- 8 For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, 9 and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."
- Rom 15:10 And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."
- Rom 15:11 And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."
- Rom 15:12 And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."
- Rom 15:13 May the God of hope fill you with all joy and

Christ's Work of Reconciliation (Ephesians 2: 13-22)

- He is Making One People (Ephesians 2:13-18)

[13] But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. [14] **For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility** [15] by abolishing the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, [16] and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. [17] And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. [18] For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father

- First he says - ***you who once were far off have been brought near...***
- Second is, ***for He Himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in His flesh the dividing wall of hostility.***
- The wall of enmity between the righteous God and sinful man – the garden of Eden
- The dividing wall between the Jews and the Gentiles – The temple in Jerusalem

Genesis 1:27 &
Gen. 2:7

Before the Fall

Male

Gen: 2: 24
Unity
Harmony

Female

Us.

God the Father, Son of
God
& Spirit of God

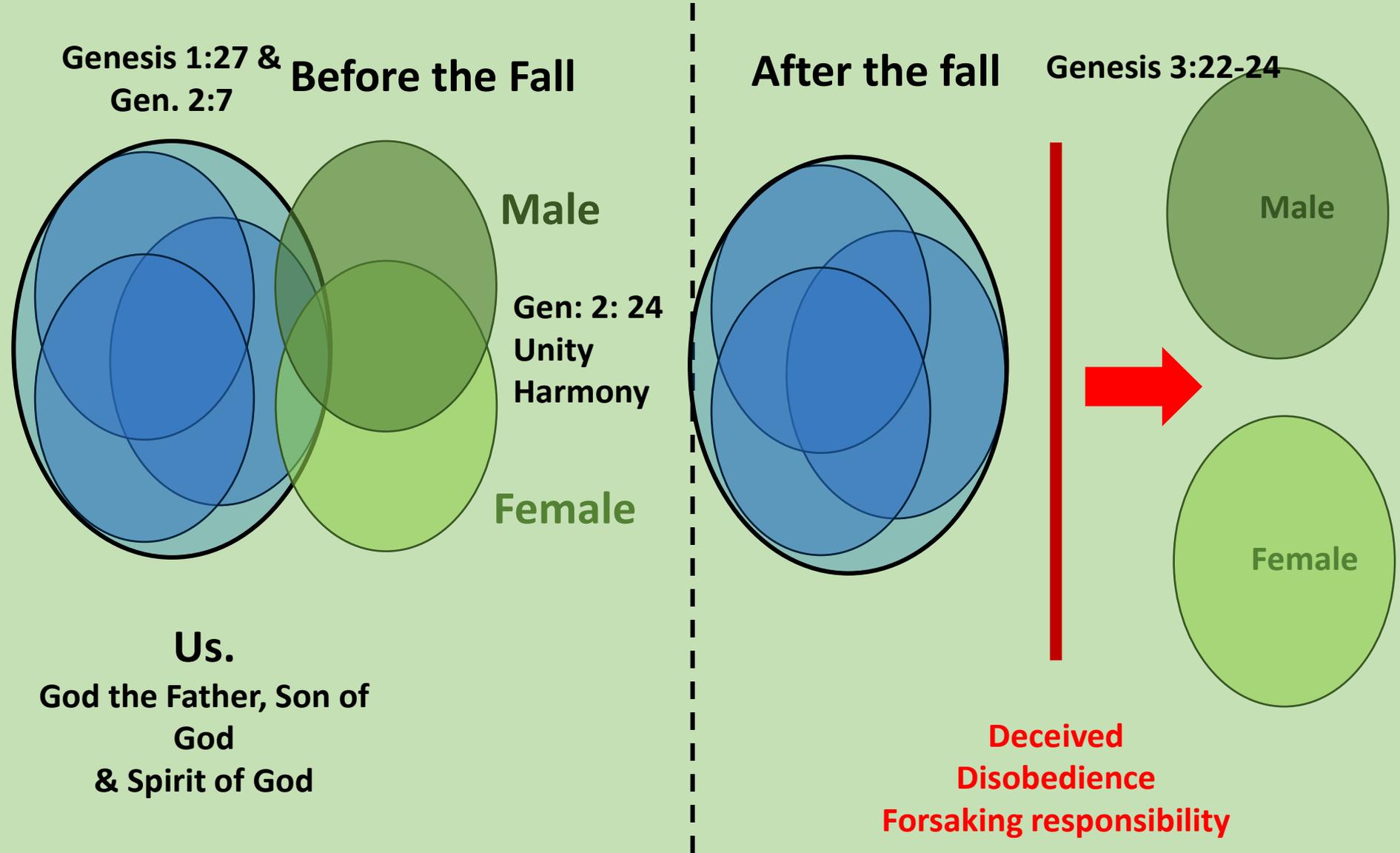
After the fall

Genesis 3:22-24

Male

Female

**Deceived
Disobedience
Forsaking responsibility**



Isaiah 9:6-7

- For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, **Prince of Peace**.
- 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this

Jesus secures our peace with God through His sacrifice on the cross

Romans 5:1-2

- *Therefore, since we (both Jews and Gentiles) have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*
- *2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

Jesus is the only source of our peace

John 14:6-7

- *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*
- *7 If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."*

John 14:25-27

- *25 "These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.*
- *26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*
- *27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.*

All true genuine peace is the result of a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The dividing wall between the Jews and the Gentiles

Matthew 27:51 (ESV)

- *And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split*

Hebrews 10:19-25 (ESV)

- *Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, [20] by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, [21] and since we have a great priest over the house of God, [22] let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. [23] Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. [24] And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, [25] not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

He is Making One Kingdom (Ephesians 2:19-22)

- [19] So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, [20] built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, [21] in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. [22] In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit

We were a people with No Past, No Present, No Future, No God and No Hope. We were a people who were under God's wrath.

Now because of our Lord Jesus, and the sacrifice of His blood we now have a

- Past - built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
- Present - are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God
- Future - being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.
- We now have the King of kings as our God

Jeremiah 31:33 (ESV)

- *But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*
- We now have hope

Romans 15:13 (ESV)

- *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.*