

“Don’t forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called “uncircumcised heathens” by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts.” Ephesians 2:11 NLT

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Really Paul, it's NEVER FORGET. I just can't explain it better than Paul - "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. 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. 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." We, as believers, know our core - we are sinners saved by grace. Our forgetting that puts distance between us and other believers we "DIS-agree" with as well as a huge chasm between us and non-believers. I would say further, our hubris methods we call church, puts a gigantic chasm between the unbeliever and Christ himself. We must be more humble, we must be more gracious to each other, we must be light, love and kindness to those who have yet to

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pray as responding to the words, phrase, sentence that God has stirred within you

Dad,

Not only can I not forget, I never forget who I am, where I've come from and where I would have gone without you. I used to be an outsider, now as an insider I want to be out more than in - speaking of the rules and attitude of the church (not outside of Christ and his sacrifice for me). Oh God help us, we MUST be unified, we must be together and practice being one.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root