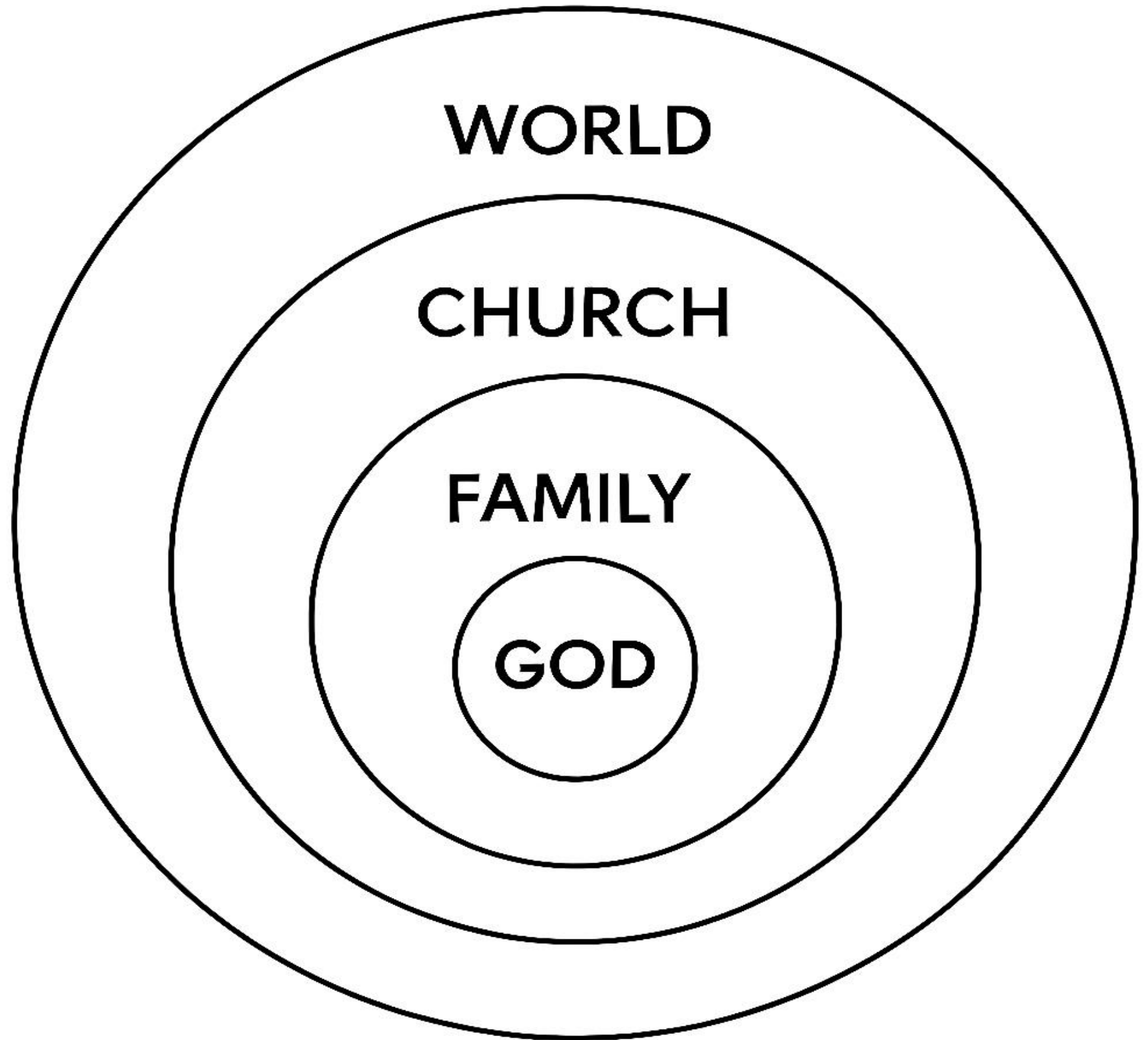


Reconciled By The Blood of Christ

Lessons From
Ephesians 2:11-22



**Are you a
peacemaker
or a wall
builder?**



A person stands on the edge of a dark, rocky cliff, looking out over a vast, ethereal landscape. The sky is a deep blue, filled with soft, white clouds. In the distance, a range of mountains is visible, partially shrouded in mist. The overall mood is one of solitude and contemplation.

1. Remember That You Were Separated v11-12

Alienated

Gentiles once excluded from citizenship

Strangers

Outside God's covenant promises

Without Hope

Living in the world without God

"Sin has made the soul a stranger to God. It has set us at a distance, as the prodigal went into a far country. But Christ came to bring us near. In prayer, we must look upon ourselves as once cast off, and marvel that the King would now hear us."

– Thomas Watson " *The Lord's Prayer* "

“Lord, I was once estranged, without hope, without promise, and without peace. But You, by the blood of Christ, have brought me near. Let me never presume upon Your presence but always enter with the awe of one who has been forgiven much.”

A model prayer from Watson



2. Reconciled with God v13-15



Christ's Blood

Breaks down walls of hostility



Peace Through Cross

Vertical reconciliation



Access to Father

Relationship restored

**“When you’re in the church,
sitting next to someone who
by the world’s standards
should hate you—or whom you
once hated—and you’re both
saying, ‘This is Christ’s body,
broken for us,’ that’s not just
theology. That’s power.”**

-Keller



3. Reconciled with One Another v16-22



- **One New Humanity**
Jews and Gentiles united (v.15-16)
- **One Household**
Fellow citizens with God's people
- **New Temple**
Christ as cornerstone

Replacement Theology?

Galatians 3:16 Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, "And to offsprings," referring to many, but referring to one, "And to your offspring," who is Christ.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.



How Can I Pursue Unity Today?

Uphold Scripture

Foundation of our unity

Grow In Christ

Mature together as one body

“There is no other bond of brotherly unity than that which Christ establishes among us by reconciling us to God.” –John Calvin



Application: Take Inventory

Is there anyone you are not reconciled with?

Application #2 – Grow & Pray

**Grow In Christ/
Grow In Love**

Pray for Reconciliation





**Commit to
Reconciliation Daily**

**"Blessed are the
peacemakers"**