

Authentic Spirituality, Pt. 5 3od's New Way To Be Human, Eph. 2:11-22 By Louie Marsh, 5-26-2019

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¹⁴ For <u>he himself is our peace</u>, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility Ephesians 2:14 (ESV)

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• The Cross is ______.

¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. Ephesians 2:18 (ESV)

3) ______ our status in God's New Community.

_____ of God's Kingdom

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints... Ephesians 2:19a (ESV)

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and members of the household of God, Ephesians 2:19b (ESV)

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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. Ephesians 2:20-22 (ESV)

- My Foundation –
- Centered on ______

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