

and anticipation of glory to come ; all are ours solely by virtue of the blood of Christ. He alone did the work. We heard the glad news of its accomplishment. We believed and accepted the new relationship into which it brought us. We therefore gladly draw near in fellowship and worship and faithful service, because we were made nigh by His blood.

II. THE ONE BODY : — THE NEW MAN (VS. 14-18).

Being made nigh to God, they are next made nigh to each other, and established in peace and unity. The world was divided into two classes, Jews and Gentiles. The enmity between these was bitter, and the separation was complete. They formed two distinct types of humanity. The beginning of their estrangement and hostility was the choice of Abraham's seed as the people of God, and the giving to them of the law, which made their mode of life entirely different. By the very nature of their calling, the Jews could have little in common with the Gentiles ; and on the other hand, the Gentiles came to hate the Jews with intense hatred. This has been manifested in all ages. First Israel persecuted, and made war against the Gentiles, driving them from their land which God had given to His chosen people, and had commanded them to go in and possess it. And later the Gentiles oppressed Israel, and drove them again from their land, and persecuted them in all lands whither they were scattered. But back of all this was a deeper hostility, inspired by Satan, that of the natural man against God.

The apostle now proceeds to show God's method of bringing these two elements together, and both into