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A Church without Walls

Ephesians 2:11-22

To see an example of the tension that existed between Jews and Gentiles, read Acts 22:1-24

In Christ...

An old wall has been _____

A new man has been _____

A perfect peace has been _____

Remember your alienation

¹¹Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men) – ¹²remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.

Recognize your reconciliation

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

We are _____ of the same Kingdom

We are _____ of the same family

We are _____ in the same building

Realize your potential

¹⁹Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²²And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Spend some time each day reading, meditating on, studying, resting in and applying Ephesians 2:11-22.

Here are some resources that may help:

<http://parkerhill.wordpress.com> – weekend follow-up questions for you and your small group

Life Lessons with Max Lucado - Ephesians (available at your favorite local Christian bookstore or online book seller)

www.crosswalk.com

www.studylight.org