

Reconcilable Differences
GOD'S NEW FAMILY- Part 6
February 18, 2024

THE PASSAGE: Ephesians 2:11-22

Our old _____ - vs. 11,12

Without Christ
Without family
Without promises
Without hope
Without God

" _____ ..."

Our _____ **identity-** vs. 13, 14,19,22

In Christ
At peace with God
A citizen of God's Kingdom
A member of God's family
A part of God's Temple

How Jesus made _____ - vs. 14-17

He abolished the dividing wall of _____

Fill-ins: *identity; But now; new; that happen; hostility*

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Life Group Questions for the Week of February 18, 2024

1. Looking back at your notes from this Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Why is it important that we remember what it's like, without Christ, to be strangers and aliens who have no right to God or His Kingdom?
3. We saw on Sunday that the root of the hostility and division between the Jews and Gentiles was the OT Law. The Jews misused the Law to make themselves feel privileged and to look down upon the Gentile Christians (notice their name calling in verse 11). What are some ways we can create/maintain hostility and division today?
4. What are the implications of Christ's breaking down the dividing wall of hostility between us and God? What did it require for this to be accomplished?
5. Our new identity is in Christ. How does this amazing truth begin to heal any and all division in the church?
6. First Jesus IS our peace (v.14) then he MAKES peace (v.15). Why is this progression important? Or why must I have peace with God before I can have peace with others.
7. How can the peace of Christ allow you to start breaking down walls of hostility today?
8. Who do you know who is far from Christ that might benefit from hearing your testimony of being brought near by the blood of Christ?