

Ephesians 2:11-22: "In Christ: Tearing Down Walls"

Jesus Christ Has Broken Down Every Barrier to Community with God and Others – Eph 2:14-16

...the dilemma is personal, the solution must be personal – Jo 1:12

...God's personal intent is that we have personal access – Eph 2:18

- Barriers to access are removed by the sacrificial Life of Jesus Christ – Eph 2:13-16

...we are at-oned in Christ alone – Col 1:20; II Cor 5:18-21; Ro 5:8-10

- He is our peace – Eph 2:14

...He makes peace and preaches peace – Eph 2:14,15; Jo 14:27

The Implications Are Enormous

- In Christ, there are no barriers between God and Man – I Cor 6:17; Ga 2:20; Jo 17:21-23

...we "were" _____ - Eph 2:12

..."but now" _____ - Eph 2:13

(We are a "dwelling of God" in the Spirit!) – Eph 2:22

- In Christ, there are no barriers between the saints – Eph 2:14-22; 3:6

...no one has preferred status – Ga 3:28

...of Christ's fullness we have all received – Jo 1:16

(We are "one new man" in Him!) – Eph 2:15

- In Christ, there are no barriers between the church and the world – Jo 1:9-14

..."wall worshipping" churches are about saving themselves – Phil 2:3-4

..."walls" of the church: _____

(We are ambassadors for Christ!) – II Cor 5:18-21

To Be Christ-Like Is to Be an Abolitionist – Mk 2:4