

Message Notes

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Why Church?

To Gather as the Family of God (Eph. 2:11-22)

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- ◆ We devote ourselves to gather as the _____ of God.
- ◆ The church is not _____ a family; it _____ a family. Mt. 11:48-50

The Church as a Family

- ◆ Church in Ephesus was made up of 2 _____ groups of people.
- ◆ Jews = chosen people of God. Gentiles = _____. Eph. 2:11-12
- ◆ Through Jesus' death on the cross, Gentiles are _____ alienated.
- ◆ Jews and Gentiles now both have _____ to God – through Jesus.

His purpose was to create for Himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which He put to death their hostility.

Eph. 2:15-16

- ◆ Reconcile = the end of _____.
- ◆ God _____ Jews and Gentiles to Himself and each other.
- ◆ _____ Jesus and _____ Jesus, a new humanity exists – the _____.

In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by His Spirit. Eph. 2:21-22

- ◆ OT temple = the _____ where God dwells with His people.
- ◆ NT temple = the _____ of God. Eph. 2:21-22; 1 Cor. 3:16; 1 Pet. 2:4-6

Family Reminders

- 1 Following Jesus means being part of a _____.
- 2 The local church will be and should be _____.
- 3 There will be conflict and we must seek to _____.
- 4 Remember we were _____.