

Message Series:

**Membership Has Its Privileges**  
**A Study on Ephesians 1-3 Belonging to Christ**  
**April 26, 2009**

Today's Message:

**Breaking Down Walls**  
**Ephesians 2:14-18**

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For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall,

**Today's Main Thought: Jesus Christ is the peacemaker between Jew and Gentile.**

**Breaking down Walls**

- **Jesus brings peace by breaking down the hard and high wall between Jews and Gentiles, v. 14; Colossians 1:15-20; Acts 21:27-31**
- **Jesus changes the rules that impact social relationships, v. 15; Galatians 3:27, 28; Colossians 3:10, 11; God's new man or woman is no longer bound by restrictions on...**

- **Circumcision**
- **Intra-racial marriage**
- **Material Sacrifices**
- **Dietary Regulations**

**Building Bridges**

- Jesus' blood built the bridge bringing God's new creation together into one body called **the church**, v. 16; 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

**Personal Bridge Building**

- **I need to build a bridge to:\_\_\_\_\_**
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- How do I need to approach them? Do I need to call; get together with them; take someone with me when I talk with them; write a letter; or let go?
- What do I need to say?
  - Do I need to ask for forgiveness?
  - Do I need to say I forgive you?
  - Do I need to apologize?
  - Do I need to just air out some hard feelings or a misunderstanding?

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Next Week: #9 in series  
Ephesians 2:19-22