

church for **THE REST OF US!**

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Ephesians 2:11-18

A Short History of Jews and Gentiles

Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.

Jonah 4:1-2 ¹ But Jonah was greatly displeased and became angry. ² He prayed to the LORD, "O LORD, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.

Isaiah 49:6 he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.

Mark 2:16-17 ¹⁶ When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the "sinners" and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" ¹⁷ On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

The Greatest Conflict in the Early Church:

Did _____ Have to Become _____
So That They Could _____ Jesus?

Acts 15:19 It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.

The One Thing:

Make _____ For _____

Ephesians 2:13-14 ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,

4 Barriers to Let God Destroy

1. Barrier of _____
2. Barrier of _____
3. Barrier of _____
4. Barrier of _____

So What Can I Do?

1. _____ and _____ Outsiders!

Ephesians 2:12 remember 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.

2. Be the _____ to Offer _____!

Ephesians 2:15-16 ¹⁵ by 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, ¹⁶ and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

3. _____ What _____ To Me So
That Outsiders Can Know They _____ to Jesus!

3 Sacrifices:

1. My _____
2. My _____
3. My _____