

Ephesians 2: 14-22 - Discussion Questions

- What is the “theme” of these verses?
- Describe the early relationship between Jewish and Gentile Christians.
- What does Paul say existed between Jews and Gentiles in **verse 14**?
- Why did the Jews have such a hard time with the incoming Gentile believers?
- When Paul says that Jesus, “Himself, is our peace” what does he mean?
- What is the difference between peace being initiated from the outside and peace initiated from the inside?
- Read **Galatians 3:28**. What worldly distinctions does this passage tell us that Jesus eliminates?
- What is the result of Jesus eliminating our worldly distinctions? (It removes our reasons/excuses for division)
- What does Paul mean in **verse 15** about Jesus creating “one new man in place of the two”?
- What is the result of doing this?
- How can keeping the Law foster feelings of superiority?
- How does the cross of Christ keep us from feelings of superiority with one another?
- Since we’re not dealing with issues between Jews and Gentiles in our daily experience, how do these verses apply to our lives?
- **Verse 18** speaks of our access to the Father. Why do you think Christians today take this for granted?
- What privileges do we enjoy as citizens of God’s kingdom and members of the household of God?
- What does it mean that the kingdom of God is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets?
- Re-read **verses 21-22**. What is God building and how are we involved?

- Read **1 Peter 2:4-8** and discuss how it connects to the last few verses of our study.
- What are the personal takeaways for you from this study?