

God's Workmanship: Unity of Jew and Gentile

- Ephesians 2:10-18 -

- A. Is being on a team important to you? Some people are known by the team they play for or support. Has the team or group in which you are in created barriers of prejudice or hostility?...
- B. Unity should exist God's church. Jesus prayed for it in **Jn 17:20,21**. **Unity** is possible: (1) By God's plan (**Eph 1:4**), (2) Belief in Jesus (**Jn 17:20**), (3) For **ALL** who believe (**v.21**)
- C. **Ephesians 2:11-13** - Jesus broke down the barrier not only between man and God, but between Jew and Gentile (**3:6**)...
- D. This unity was possible. It was difficult to accept. It was a **mystery** revealed (**v.3-5**)...

- 1. _____
- A. In God's words to Abraham, He had the Gentiles in mind for salvation. "*in thee shall ALL of the families of the earth be blessed*"...(Gen 12:2,3)..
- B. It was in _____; **Jer 16:19; Mal 1:11**
- C. John the Baptist prepared everyone for Jesus and the kingdom (**Matt 3:2**). A coming Messiah was wonderful for the Jew. They felt he would free them from the Romans...
- D. Jesus came and spoke of building His church (**Mt 16:18,19**)..
- E. Jewish ideas of Jesus are found in **Jn 6:15** and **Lk 17:20,21**
- F. Jesus was not what the Jews thought. They rejected and killed Him. His kingdom was not of this world (**Jn 18:36**)...
- G. After Jesus ascension, Jews were gathered in Jerusalem & became the first Christians (**Acts 2:38-41; Rom 1:16**).
- H. The gospel came to the Gentiles in _____. Note **Acts 11:14-18**...
- I. Saul was commissioned to teach the _____ (**Acts 9:15**)
- J. Notice what happened in _____ (**Acts 11:19-26**) and how the Gentile Christians treated Jewish Christians (**v.27-30**).
- K. As Paul preached in the synagogue about Jesus, the more the Jews refused the gospel (**Acts 13:45-47**; quoting **Isa 49:6**)
- L. Listen to Paul's report after his 1st journey (**Acts 14:27**)...
- M. The Jews stir up Christians in Antioch (**Acts 15**) saying it is necessary for Gentiles to keep circumcision
- N. Notice what Paul is directed to teach (**Gal. 3:28, 29; Col. 3:11, Gal 6:15; Eph 3:6**). This is the _____.

- 2. _____
- A. **Paul taught what Jesus prayed** - _____ (**Eph 2:18**)...
- B. **Jesus is our peace** The theme of _____ (**2:16; Gal 3:28**)
- C. **People need to tear down the wall of prejudice built toward** _____ **and the** _____ (**2 Jn 9**)...
- D. **There is one gospel for all** _____ (**Rom 1:16; Eph 3:7,8**)
- E. **Remember who we** _____ (**v.11,12**)...
- F. **Know who we** _____ (**v.13**)...