

EPHESIANS 2:11-22 LOVING DESPITE 'HISTORY'

INTRODUCTION ACTS, PASTORALS, REVELATION 2

- Revelation 2:4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.

I. SAME BLOOD 2:11-13

- 1 Samuel 17:26 David said ... "who is this uncircumcised Philistine, [Goliath] that he should defy the armies of the living God?"
- Ephesians 4:1-2 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ...
- Ephesians 4:15 Rather, speaking the truth in love ...
- Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love ...



'No stranger is to enter within the balustrade round the temple and enclosure. Whoever is caught will himself be responsible for his ensuing death.'

II. SAME ACCESS 2:14-18

III. SAME HOME 2:19-22

CONCLUSION

- Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, ...

Whatever our history, whatever frictions, different ways of looking at things, or how we feel, we must allow our basic unity, in Christ, through the gospel, empower us to love one another.

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Questions for the Young

Put rings around all the right answers.

Q1. Which two groups of people were squabbling with each other in Ephesus?

GERMANS FRENCH JEWS ENGLISH GENTILES PAGANS

Q2. What does Jesus threaten to remove if the Ephesians don't love each other?

HIMSELF THEIR POSSESSIONS THEIR LAMPSTAND
THEIR CHURCH THEIR HOMES RARE EARTH METALS

Q3. What does Paul write about 15 times in his letter to the Ephesians?

JESUS GOD LOVE HATRED MONEY

Q4. It is difficult to love people with whom we have ...

'HISTORY' NOTHING IN COMMON 'PREVIOUS' CONVERSATIONS

Q5. Jews were sometimes rude to Gentiles (that is, non-Jews), calling them "uncircumcised ...2

"SPANIARDS" "FRENCH" "PHILISTINES" "SAMARITANS"

Q6. Paul explains in Ephesians that both Jews and Gentiles are both forgiven through the shedding of Jesus' ...

CLOTHING BLOOD FRIENDS HOLY SPIRIT

← Q7. The stone in the temple threatened Gentiles with ...

FINES EXPULSION DEATH DISMEMBERMENT

Q8. The Ephesian Gentile Christians had to remember that they too shared the ...

LORD'S SUPPER THE HOLY SPIRIT JESUS CHURCH BUILDING

Q9. Sometimes, the Gentiles Christians felt like second class ...

MEAT TRAVEL SERVICE CITIZENS TICKETS

Q10. Actually all Christians, whether Jewish or Gentile, must _____ each other because of our basic unity 'in Christ'.