



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Mission of God: Victory Over Racial Divisions

Bible Reading: Ephesians 2

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I. Two Aspects of God's Triumph (Eph. 2)

- A) Death to life (Eph. 2:1-10)
- B) Racial reconciliation (Eph. 2:11-22)

II. Gentiles: Despised and Far Away (Eph. 2:11-12)

- A) Despised by God's people – "the uncircumcised" (ethnic slur – 1 Sam. 17:26; Judges 14:3)
- B) Far away and not participating in God's blessings
 - 1. Separated from the Messiah
 - 2. Excluded from the people of Israel
 - 3. Strangers to the covenants of promise
 - 4. Without hope
 - 5. Without God in the world

III. Brought Near by the Blood of Christ (Eph. 2:13)

IV. A New Humanity Created in Christ (Eph. 2:14-18)

- A) Christ is our peace (Eph. 2:14)
- B) Christ united saved Jews and Gentiles (Eph. 2:14)
- C) Christ created a new humanity (Eph. 2:15)
- D) Christ reconciled both to God through the cross (Eph. 2:16)
- E) Christ opened up access for all to the Father (Eph. 2:18; Rev. 5:9; 7:9)