

Study Guide

Series: The Battle for Christianity in America

Message: *Reconciling the World and the Human Divide*

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Scripture: Ephesians 2.14-18 (NKJV)



Objective: to teach how we break down the racial, political, and social divide and unite humanity by proclaiming and living out the unifying message of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Points to our text: Ephesians 2.14-18

1. v.14. Christ is our _____: Christ took away the things that segregated us, whether its religion, ethnicities, politics, or cultures and made it possible for us to be reconciled, united, and formed into one people and family belonging to God.
2. v.15-16. Christ made a new _____: Jesus fulfilled the law, created one new humanity, and reconciled us through the cross, putting to death the hostility of prejudices between people groups.
3. v.17-18. Christ must be _____: Because Christ came preaching peace to both Jews and Gentiles, we now carry that same message, that through the gospel, all people are brought into one family and have access to the Father by one Spirit.

If the way we teach the gospel leads to **division** and **divisiveness**, instead of bringing people together into the peace of God and the under the lordship of Christ, then it's not being proclaimed as it was truly meant to be.

Application: *Reconciling the Human Divide*

WHO: Satan is in **control** of this world: I John 5.19. We know that we are children of God and that the **world** around us is under the control of the evil one. (NLT)

HOW: Satan controls the world through His spiritual forces, the systems of this age, and mental strongholds of those who reject the truth of the gospel.

1. _____ forces: Ephesians 2.2. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil - the **commander of the powers in the**

unseen world. He is the **spirit at work** in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. (NLT)

2. _____ of the world – America: Social, Political, and Racial

Social Divide - Capitalistic system. This system created upper, middle, and lower classes, having *unequal access* to resources and opportunities that creates '**classism**'.

Political Divide – Party system: Democrat and Republican Political parties divide people over social and racial issues, so they can gain political power to govern the nation that create '**liberalism or conservatism**'.

Racial Divide - Colonial system: The division between White and Black was created as a social construct, designed to justify slavery and segregation that led to **systemic racism**.

3. _____ in the mind: 2 Corinthians 4.4-5 - **Strongholds**: deeply ingrained beliefs and loyalties create barriers that create division and divisiveness in the Body of Christ and world.

WHAT: 2 Thessalonians 2.7. For the mystery of **lawlessness is already at work**; only He who now **restrains** will do so until He is **taken out of the way**. (NKJV)

Here are seven wisdom points from God's Word to help us restrain the works of Satan and be ministers of reconciliation in a divided world through the power of the Gospel.

1. *Know the real Enemy*: Ephesians 6.12
2. *Walk in the Spirit, not in the Skin*: Galatians 5.16
3. *Prayer before Protest*: 1 Timothy 2.1.2
4. *Speak truth over Propaganda*: John 8.32
5. *Kingdom over Party* (voters, not endorsers): Matthew 6.33
6. *Proclaim Christ over Culture*: 2 Corinthians 6.17
7. *Destroy strongholds* in your mind: 2 Corinthians 10.5

Takeaway: The movement of the church is to proclaim the gospel to reconcile all people groups to God and one another under the lordship of Jesus Christ.