

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.

Review: Ephesians 2.14-18

1. v.14. Christ is our **PEACE**: Christ took away the social, political, cultural, or theological differences of Jews and Gentiles and reconciled them as one people belonging to God.
2. v.15-v.16. Christ made a new **PEOPLE**: Jesus fulfilled the law that ended the hostility between God and humanity and created one new humanity through His death on the cross.
3. v.17-v.18. Christ is **PROCLAIMED**: We're co-partners with Christ, sharing the gospel through whom all people are made one family, and granted access to the Father by one Spirit.

Application: Reconciliation and the Human Divide

THE WHO: Satan is in control of the institutional systems of the world.

Reference: 1 John 5.19, Ephesians 2.2

THE HOW: Satan uses institutional systems to divide humanity and keep us apart from God and one another by influencing how we **think**, how we **behave**, and what we **value**.

THE WHAT: The church acts as a restraining force against Satan and his spiritual forces that is working in the world to lead a full-scale rebellion and seize visible control of the world. **Reference:** 2 Thessalonians 2.7

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. _____ the real Enemy: Ephesians 6.12. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual host of wickedness in the heavenly places. (NKJV)
2. _____ in the Spirit, not in your Skin: Galatians 5.16. I say then: 'Walk in the Spirit, and you shall *not fulfill* the lust of *the flesh*.' (NKJV)
3. _____ in your mind: 2 Corinthians 10.5. 'Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalted itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ'. (NKJV)

Breaking strongholds requires truth, and deliberate re-education of the mind by the Spirit's revelation and God's word to cast down thoughts that are contrary to the gospel and the emotions that lock those thoughts into place.

4. _____ before Protest: 1 Timothy 2.1.2. I exhort *first* of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.
5. _____ over Propaganda: John 8.32. You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. Call out ungodliness or demonic evil instead of black or white or racism.
6. _____ over Party (voters, not endorsers): Matthew 6.33. Seek *first* the kingdom of God and His righteousness...'
7. _____ Christ over Culture: 2 Corinthians 6.17. Therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.

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.

Next Week: Christian Influencer – 1 Peter 3.15