

A Church for all nations

Ephesians 2:11-22

God's great plan – Eph.1:9,10

1. What we were – v.11,12

- a. Alienated from God – v.12; 2:1-3; 4:18
- b. Alienated from one another
 - dividing wall in the Temple – v.14
 - Hostility of Jews towards Gentiles

2. The transforming power of the Cross

– v.13-18

a. Reconciled to God – v.16; Rom.5:1,9,10

b. Reconciled to one another

1. Barrier destroyed – v.14,15

2. New humanity created – v.15

3. All have access to God – v.17,18

3. What we are – v.19-22

a. Citizens of heaven – v.19

b. Family of God – v.19

c. God's Temple Palace – v.20-22

- foundation – God's word; Christ & his work

- growth – living stones – v.21; 1Pet.2:4,5

- purpose – for God to dwell in – v.22

4. What we are to do

a. Remember:-

- what we were
- what Jesus has done through the Cross
- what we are

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| 1. Alienated from
God | <u>BUT GOD</u> | 1. Peace with
God |
| 2. Alienated from
One another | | 2. Fellow
citizens, brothers/
sisters |

b. Display who you are

Pride

Humble service

Enmity

Unity & diversity

Suspicion

Grace & truth

Individualism

Sacrificial love

Preferences

Forgiveness

c. Celebrate the new humanity

35 countries represented in Bridges/Honeypot

1. Befriending
2. World Sunday
3. “Guess who is coming to dinner”
4. Bridges/Icaf/Visa course/Oasis etc.