

THE NEW UNITY OF THE NEW HUMANITY

Ephesians 2:11-22

The Barriers Facing the Gentiles

Barriers between Gentiles and Jews (2:11; Jas. 4:1-2)

Barrier between people and God (2:12; Isa. 59:2)

The Miracle that Removes Barriers

Christ's death removed the barrier of sin (2:13-14)

Christ, resurrected, provides life to those who trust Him (2:5-6)

Christ re-creates a believer as a new person (2:10, 15)

- "New" = Whole new _____ of person (2:14-15)
- This new life is life in _____ (2:5, 6, 10, 15)

The miracle of our new humanity

- In Christ we have been _____ to God (2:16-18)
- In Christ we are one new _____ (2:14-15)

The New Unity of our New Humanity

We are united in our _____ – One nation (2:19)

We are united in our _____ – One family (2:19)

We are united in our _____ – One "temple" (2:20-22)

Applying the Bible to Life

- How do your actions and attitudes reflect the unifying miracle that Christ has worked in His people?
- How does the picture of our congregation as God's "temple" help you understand the importance of our congregation and the need for your participation?