

WHAT IS GOD DOING TODAY?

I. What God is Doing in the World Today?

A. What is the Church?

B. What the Church is not?

C. Who Makes Up the Church? (1 Cor. 10:32)

1 Cor 10:32 divides all of humanity into 3 groups of people that need to be noted:

1. The _____ ; what do we know about them?

- Why did God choose Israel?
- Four words can be used describe the out working of the divine purpose for the Jews in His story:

2. The _____, or _____, who are all other people who have lived on the earth since the beginning of time.

- What is there spiritual status before God? (Eph 4:17-19; 2:1-3)

3. The _____, referred to here (1 Cor. 1:32) as the _____ of God. This refers to the _____.

II. Reconciled to God to be Part of His Church (Eph 2:11-18)

A. Our Old Standing Delineated (2:11-12)

1. We were _____ by nature
2. We were seen as _____ by the circumcised people of God
3. Without _____ – unsaved
4. Having _____
5. Without _____ in the world!

B. A New standing Available (2:13)... “But Now... “In _____, you.... have been brought near”

- What does the phrase “*But now*” indicate?
- How did this happen?
- What were the barriers to this?
- Here it speaks of a two fold enmity:
 - 1) enmity between the _____ & the _____ (2:13-15) &
 - 2) enmity between _____ & _____ (2:16-18)

“Reconcile” (apokatallasso)

- The distinction of Jew & Gentile is _____ in becoming a Christian!

B. Peace Through the Cross (2:14-18)

1. Christ made peace possible (2:14-15)

- What did Christ do?
 - a. He made both, Jews & Gentiles _____ in _____
 - b. He _____ the middle wall of separation that _____ us
 - c. He _____ the _____ between Jews & Gentiles
 - d. Christ, by His _____, made peace possible!

Acts 10

Col 1:20-22

2. The work of reconciliation is 2 fold:

- a. God toward the _____! (2 Cor 5:19)
 - b. Sinners toward _____ & each _____! (2 Cor 5:20-21; Romans 5:10-11)
- What does it mean “*thereby putting to death the enmity*”?
 - In Christ Jesus, the Jew & the Gentile become one _____ creation—the _____—their nationality is changed in God’s perspective, for they have come upon new ground, -- the _____ -- where there is _____ distinction—in God’s perspective!
 - Though Christ was put to death _____ our sins, while on that cross He put to death the _____ or hostility between Jews & Gentiles allowing peace with God & peace with each the other in the Body of Christ!

3. Because of _____ in Christ, all believers have _____ to the Father by means of the _____!

Positionally (1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

Practically (Col 3:12-15; Eph 2:18, 4:20-ff)

- How did all this affect the Jewish believer?