



Ephesians 2:11-22 – True peace with each other

So far in our 'Here's what we do know' series, we've seen how the gospel impacts us on a personal level. In this passage, Paul shows the Ephesians, and us, how the gospel impacts our relationships with each other.

- First, he reminds the Ephesians where they used to be. Before God revealed himself to them, they were 'separated', 'excluded', 'foreigners', 'without', 'divided', living in 'hostility' with each other. This division is what sin causes.
- Next, he describes what God has done through Jesus. Jesus has destroyed the dividing wall of hostility between us (God's people) on the cross.
- Finally, Paul shows where that leaves us now. We are now at peace with one another. Even when what we see/experience seems to contradict this, it's still true – the hostility that separated us has been destroyed.

Tim finished by giving two takeaways from this passage:

- It gives us hope that we can live out the 'one new humanity' which Paul talks about – in the church we can see true peace between people who are different from one another – an 'all sorts' church.
- It shows the pressing, urgent need for mission – it's only through Jesus that people can have true peace with each other.

Questions

1. Read through the passage (Ephesians 2:11-22) again.
2. Are you aware of the peace and unity you have with other Christians day by day? Is this something you could grow in?
3. Is there evidence of the peace Jesus has accomplished for God's people within Gateway? Share examples you think of.
4. Are there areas where you would like to see greater unity/peace between people who are different from each other in Gateway? How can we see this happen?
5. Similarly, are there situations in your local area/community/workplace where you would like to see Jesus' peace bring change?