



Lesson #3

Break Down The Walls

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Text: ***Ephesians 2:12-16***

Introduction: Are you fulfilling your destiny? You have only one life to live. You've been given your life as a gift. No one else has your version. No one else has the same qualities, characteristics, and life experiences. You are unique. One of a kind. Don't forget to live! One of the things we should be doing is breaking down walls. Let's study together

Discussion:

I. Consider the Samaritans

Acts 1:8-9 says, "When the Holy Spirit comes to you, you will receive power. You will be my witnesses—in Jerusalem, in all of Judea, in Samaria, and in every part of the world."

II. Consider the Ethiopians

Acts 8:27-29 says, "On the road he saw a man from Ethiopia, a eunuch. He was an important officer in the service of Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians; he was responsible for taking care of all her money. He had gone to Jerusalem to worship. Now, as he was on his way home, he was sitting in his chariot reading from the Book of Isaiah, the prophet. The Spirit said to Philip, 'Go to that chariot and stay near it.'"

III. Consider the Jews

Acts 9:17-19 says, "So Ananias went to the house of Judas. He laid his hands on Saul and said, 'Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus sent me. He is the one you saw on the road on your way here. He sent me so that you can see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.' Immediately, something that looked like fish scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he was able to see again! Then Saul got up and was baptized. After he ate some food, his strength returned."

IV. Consider the Gentiles

Acts 10:44-48 says, "While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, 'Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days."

V. Consider the Pagans

Acts 17:16-22 says, "While Paul was waiting for Silas and Timothy in Athens, he was troubled because he saw that the city was full of idols. In the synagogue, he talked with the Jews and the Greeks who worshiped God. He also talked every day with people in the marketplace. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers argued with him, saying, 'This man doesn't know what he is talking about. What is he trying to say?' Others said, 'He seems to be telling us about some other gods,' because Paul was telling them about Jesus and his rising from the dead. They got Paul and took him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said, 'Please explain to us this new idea you have been teaching. The things you are saying are new to us, and we want to know what this teaching means.' (All the people of Athens and those from other countries who lived there always used their time to talk about the newest ideas.) Then Paul stood before the meeting of the Areopagus and said, "People of Athens, I can see you are very religious in all things."

Conclusion: Have you noticed any consistency with our study today? We need to find our place in the kingdom. We have been called to fulfill our destiny. We need to leave a legacy that will last for generations. Are you ready to live?

WORD OF THE DAY = "WALLS"