

## ONE IN CHRIST

Eph.2:11-16

Intro – One of the teachings of the Bible is that all believers make up the body of Christ. We agree on the authority of the written word of God. Not at first, but eventually we became known as Christians and through out the world there are “Christian” churches. Acts 11:26. These new believers came from different backgrounds.

I. The Jews came from the OT mindset, the Law.

- A. They were covenant people. Gen.17:7
- B. They were God’s chosen people. John 4:22
- C. However, most of them rejected Christ. Mt.23:37-38, Rom.11:15,23

II. The Gentiles came from paganism.

- A. The Gentiles were totally separated from God. Eph.2:2-3, Col.3:5-7
- B. The wall of legalism was broken down. (15) Mt.5:17
- C. Both are saved by the blood of Jesus. (13) 1Jn.1:7, Rom.3:25

III. Jesus brought them together through the cross. (14)

- A. Now both are known as Christians. Acts 11:26
- B. There is no difference between Jew and Gentiles. Col.3:11, Eph.4:3-6
- C. We are all saved the same way. (16), Eph.2:8-9

Con. There is no place for one group to think they are better than another in Christianity