



## Dismantling the Walls that Divide

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Ephesians 2:11-22; Acts 10

Only Jesus Christ can destroy the racial dividing wall and create a new, unified community.

What steps can we take in order for this to become an increasing reality for us?

#### 1. Listen

*The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.* I Samuel 16:7b (NIV)

#### 2. Lament

*Weep with those who weep.* Romans 12:15b (NLT)

#### 3. Learn

Acts 10 (Selected verses) Paul and Cornelius

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.*  
Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

#### 4. Love

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.* John 15:12 (NIV)

*For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.* Ephesians 2:14-16 (NLT)

*God has revealed his grace to save the whole human race.* Titus 2:11 (Paraphrase)

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What might Jesus be saying to you in how you think and relate to others?
2. What were some negative stereotypes you harbored in your life that you later discovered to be false as you got to know different types of people?
3. What is one practical way you could listen, learn, lament or show love to others this week?"