

In Christ: "Church Without Walls"
Ephesians 2:11-22

Jesus Christ: The Original Abolitionist - Eph 2:14-16

- He has Personally torn down every "wall" (of separation) between man and God and between man and man - Eph 2:11-16
 - ...He (Himself) has made a "new and living way" for us - Jo 14:6; Heb 10:20; Eph 4:13
 - ...He (Himself) is the Reconciler and the reconciling activity of God - Eph 2:5
- He is our Peace - Eph 2:14,15,17
 - ...He (Himself) brings wholeness and oneness to us - Jo 14:27
 - ...Resulting in ...intimacy with God (2:18) ...unity among the saints (2:19) ...functional cohesiveness(2:20)
...Christ-like growth (2:21) ...a place where God Himself is right at home! (2:22)
- He keeps our "differences" from becoming "divisions" - Eph 2:15; 3:6

He Himself Has Torn Down the Insurmountable Wall between Man and God - Mk 15:38; Eph 2:14-16; Ro 3:23

- He "abolished" (removed) every legal and personal barrier separating us from God - Col 2:13,14; Ro 8:1-4
 - ...offering all of us the same "gift" - Eph 2:8; Jo 4:10 - Himself!
- The only "wall" keeping us separated is our own unbelief - Jo 1:12; 3:16-18
 - ...in Christ, everything is done that reconciles us to God - Eph 2:16; II Cor 5:18-20; Col 1:20
- In a church without "walls" ...
 - ...fellowship with God is never achieved or secured by us, only by Christ - I Jo 1:3; I Cor 1:9
 - ...we don't fuss at the "old man", we speak to the "new man" in Christ - Eph 2:1-6; 12,13; 4:20-24
 - ...unbelief in God's truth is no longer the "norm" - Ro 10:17; Heb 11:6

He Himself Has Torn Down the Walls between Us in the Church - Eph 2:14; I Cor 12:13

- Our "differences" may be of God... our "divisions" are not - Ga 3:28; Col 3:11
 - ...God is into diversity and also into oneness - Eph 2:16; 4:4-6
 - ...indwelt by the same Life, led by the same Voice, under the same Authority - Eph 2:18-22
- In a church without "walls" ...
 - ...there is no preferred status in Christ granted to some that is not granted to all - Eph 3:6; Ja 2:9
 - ...the clergy/laity division is slain upon the altar of John 1:16 and Col 2:9-10
 - ...our "differences" are the sound God's voice is making to call us into loving like He loves - I Cor 13:5
 - ...we look to the "periphery" to call others into the "Center" - Eph 2:5,6,18-22; 3:6
 - ...prejudice and partiality cannot breath the air - Ja 2:1; Acts 10:34-35; Eph 6:9