

SERMON NOTES

Date: July 5, 2020

Series: God's Riches

Title: Unity in Christ: Our Shared Peace

Text: Ephesians 2:14-18

Big Idea: We are united because Christ is our peace and enables us to live in peace with one other.

APPLICATION GUIDE

DISCUSS

Read Ephesians 4:14-18. Describe the work of Christ between Jews and Gentiles in your own words.

What do the following passages say about the peace Jesus gives those who trust in him?

- Luke 2:14
- John 14:27
- Romans 5:1
- Colossians 1:20
- Colossians 3:15
- Philippians 4:6-7

APPLY THE TRUTH

Why can it be awkward and uncomfortable to develop spiritual intimacy in Christ with those from different ethnicities, cultures, and backgrounds?

How should Christ's work shape the way you view fellow believers who look, act and worship differently?

How can a passage like this heal the ethnic wounds and divisions that may exist in the church of Jesus Christ today?

Visit a church gospel-centered church that is vastly different from yours. Have a mindset that the members are indeed brothers and sisters "in Christ," regardless of the differences.

COMMIT THIS WEEK

Choose one verse from the list above and commit it to memory to guard your heart and mind with the peace of Christ.