

“Just Another Brick in the Wall?”

Sermon Series “Finding Joy” (Week 5)

Sermon

Ephesians 2:11–22

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1) **Christ bridges the gap between man and God.**

...in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:19

2) **Christ calls those who are far off near.**

¹⁸ For on the one hand, a former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness ¹⁹ (for the law made nothing perfect); but on the other hand, a better hope is introduced, through which we draw near to God.

Hebrews 7:18-19

3) **Christ creates one new man in place of the two.**

And have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Colossians 3:10

4) **We become citizens of God’s kingdom, members of his family.**

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

5) **To connect well with others, we must connect with God.**

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

⁷ Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸ He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8