

# Ephesians

## # 10

## A surprising blessing Ephesians 2 : 14 - 18

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Q : What are some of the inherent challenges that come with a diverse local church versus a homogeneous congregation?

Q : What are some of the blessings that come from a diverse congregation versus a homogeneous congregation?

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I love the phrasing here “to create in himself one new humanity...”.

Q : Have you ever met someone who was of another culture but you could tell they were “in Christ”? How could you tell?

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Q : How is pride the source of so much conflict between people?

Q : How do we discern the difference between “holding to a truth” in good conscience versus “causing division” because of an inability to see our commonality in Christ? Give examples of genuinely needing to separate because of “theological issues” versus focusing on the common sharing of the spirit?

preached peace with God.

Q : How has your salvation affected your ability to get along with others?

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