



Do you ever wish you could make a brand new start? You can. Jesus Christ came into the world not just to make us a better version of ourselves, but to make us brand new people. Join us in this 7 week series from the book of Ephesians and discover what it means to be made brand new.

1. Do you agree/disagree with this statement: “Alienation and division are the norm for any group of people apart from Jesus Christ?” Explain.

2. Read Ephesians 2:11-22. In order to no longer be people who build walls of division, but instead build bridges of peace, we must know who we are in Jesus Christ. But first, according to vv.11-12, before Christ we were alienated from each other and separated from God. How did this alienation/division manifest itself in your life before you came to know Christ? How does this alienation/division manifest itself in our world today?

3. Next, in order to be people who no longer build walls of division, but instead build bridges of peace, we must believe and receive what Jesus Christ did. According to vv.13-18 what exactly did Jesus do? Realizing this, why would it be unconscionable then for any Christian to build walls of division?

4. Finally, in order to no longer build walls of division but instead to build bridges of peace, we must embrace God’s vision for his new community. Looking at vv. 19-22, for those who are in Christ . . .
 - a. We are citizens of God’s kingdom
 - b. We are members of God’s family
 - c. We are living stones in God’s temple filled with his Spirit

What do each of these teach us about building bridges of peace?

5. As God’s people, through faith in Jesus Christ, what do you need to do this week to not build walls of division, but instead to build bridges of peace?