

Key Scriptures:

Colossians 2:11-12

Colossians 1:19-20

Isaiah 14:1

Ephesians 3:6

Isaiah 9:6

Romans 6:5

Psalms 118:22

1 Peter 2:4-5

Matthew 16:16

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We all know folks who claim they don't need the church, and then come up with many excuses as to why they think that is so, even though most people know that, shy of physical limitations, all of those excuses cause Jesus extreme disappointment. Isn't He the one who established the church? Today we begin to see why He did so with such urgency.

How Paul describes the church:

1. The _____ of the Church

—Turning _____ into _____

2. The _____ of the Church

—He destroyed the _____.

—_____ believers to _____.

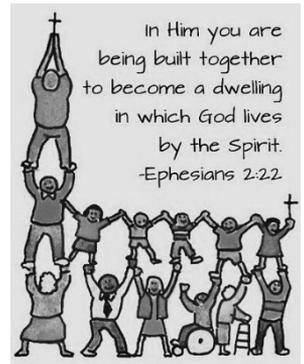
—_____ between _____.

3. The _____ of the Church

—The Cornerstone: _____

—The Foundation: _____ and _____

—Building Blocks: _____ and _____



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CHALLENGE: *Think about some of the prejudices you have carried for what you may call "outsiders" of the church. OR, what kinds of things do people you know say about "insiders" that keep them from coming? Pray about how you can help squash these dividing walls.*