

The Gospel of Christ _____.

- 1. Remembering the _____ of your past. (11)
- 2. Remembering the _____ of your past. (12)
- 3. _____ in your new _____. (13)

The Gospel of Christ _____.

- 1. Christ’s blood brings _____ with God. (16-17)
- 2. Christ’s blood brings peace _____ people. (14-15)
- 3. Christ’s blood brings _____ peace. (18)

The Gospel of Christ _____.

- 1. We are _____ to God. (19)
- 2. We are _____ in Christ. (20-21)
- 3. We must _____ this kind of living by the _____. (22)

NOTES: _____

Group Questions

1. Paul tells us to remember our previous condition outside of Christ. For some of us that is easier than others because of the kind of salvation story we have. We can all relate with the feeling of being without hope from time to time or feeling alienated from others. Share with the group a time that you felt you had no hope. What changed for you or the situation?
 - a. Why are the relationships we build at church or in small group so important for us? Why are they so important for you personally?
 - b. Share a time when you have felt alienated by a group that you wanted to be a part of. What were the circumstances that made you alienated? How was this resolved?
2. The first point of this week's message was that we are to find our identity in Christ.
 - a. What do the following verses have to do with this point?
 - i. [2 Co 5:17](#); [Ro 8:1-2](#); [Heb 10:19-22](#)
 - b. Why is this sometimes hard for you to do? Why is this so important that we seek to practice this?
 - c. How do or would you describe this new identity to a new Christian or an unbeliever?
3. The second point of this message was that this message of the gospel breaks down our dividing walls.
 - a. What do the following verses have to do with this point?
 - i. [1 Co 12:13](#); [1 Th 2:8](#); [Ac 4:32](#); [Heb 10:24-25](#); [2 Co 1:7](#); [Php 1:27](#); [Ro 15:5-6](#)
 - b. How have you seen churches do well at this? How have churches failed in this?
 - c. How have you personally been challenged in this area in the past?
4. The last point was that this gospel builds us stronger / together.
 - a. What do the following verses have to do with this point?
 - i. Warnings = [1 Co 1:10](#); [Jas 4:11](#)
 - ii. Causes = [Mk 10:35-41](#); [Ac 6:1](#); [Ac 15:37-40](#); [Rom 16:17](#); [1 Co 11-12](#); [Jas 4:1-3](#)
 - iii. Acceptable / Necessary = [Rom 14:1-3](#); [1 Co 12:4-6](#); [Ga 1:6-9](#); [2 Th 3:6](#)
 - b. Do you believe church membership is important for this to happen? Why or why not?
 - c. Can someone claim to be a Christian and not also love the church? Defend your answer with scripture.
5. In your group or on your own, think about how we at ABC can break down dividing walls of hostility of the gospel to our community while still maintaining proper doctrinal fences to keep us on safe biblical grounds.
 - a. What is an outreach opportunity we can consider?