

Mystery: One New Man

How we achieve “One Bride” Unity

Ephesians 2:11-3:7 One New Man - context: Extreme Racial Division

Jews recently expelled from Rome for 3rd time (Acts 18:2)

Eph 2:11-13

Gentiles not Israel (chosen), without Covenant, Messiah, Promises

Far Off - Hopelessly Without God, Brought Near - Cross

Eph 2:14-18

Jew & Gentile made **One New Man in Him** (literal wall of separation)

Reconciled to God in One Body

Enmity because of Law (religious superiority? jealousy?) - abolished through Cross

Jesus our Peace - through Him afar off & near same Access by Spirit to Father

Eph 2:19-22

no longer far off - Citizens of His Kingdom, Members of His Family

One Bride (vs 21-22 & Rev 21:2, 9)

Eph 3:1-7

Paul in Prison for Gentiles (Acts 21:28-29, 40, 22:21-22 - Eph 3:13)

Mystery: Gentiles fellow Heirs of His Promise in Christ (grafted in - Rom 11)

revelation to Jews (Acts 10:45, 11:3, 18, Acts 15)

Eph 3:10

One Bride/One New Man Unity is Church displaying God’s Wisdom

Mt 24:7 (ethnos) Racism will increase, no worldly solution will work

only solution is a New Identity

(1Pe 2:9) But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation (ethnos), His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; (Gal 3:28, Col 3:11)

original plan before golden calf incident

(Ex 19:5-6) ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

⁶And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.⁷ These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

Mt 24:9 our display of Identity/Unity in Him (Eph 3:10) will lead to all other ethnos persecuting us in the name of world peace and unity

(1Co 3:1-3) ¹And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. ²I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; ³for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?

Division among Believers is Immaturity - unable to receive deeper revelation

(1Co 2:6-7) ⁶However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory,

Earthly Identities Divide - keep us from Comprehending His Wisdom