



*PURSUE: Women Pursuing Christ Through His Word*  
*Fall 2025*  
*Acts Lesson 10 Lecture Notes*  
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*Unity in Christ*

*“He did this so that he might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross by which he put the hostility to death.” Ephesians 2:16*

*1) Divisions in the church*

- a. The book of Acts documents the \_\_\_\_\_ of Gentiles into the early Christian church, which was a major point of tension with Jewish followers who viewed Gentiles as \_\_\_\_\_.*
- b. \_\_\_\_\_ in the early church were \_\_\_\_\_, often based on theological disagreements or disputes over leadership and practice.*
- c. Factions in the Greek is dichostasia (dee-khos-tas-ee'-ah) which means \_\_\_\_\_, “a standing apart”, used of divisions which \_\_\_\_\_ separate people into pointless factions.*

*2) How does the early church bring Jew and Gentile together with such different backgrounds?*

- ◇ **Jews** were God’s chosen people who were to live \_\_\_\_\_*
- ◇ God gave them commandments in the Torah*
- ◇ They were to observe feasts and offer sacrifices*
- ◇ Observe the Sabbath*
- ◇ Males were to be circumcised*
- ◇ They worshipped in the \_\_\_\_\_*
  - **Gentiles** in the ancient world:*
  - Pagan*
  - Had lots of gods and goddesses*
  - Lived a hedonistic lifestyle*
  - Lived \_\_\_\_\_ from God*

### *3) The Big Issue*

*“Those who are \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus that have a Jewish heritage were making those that have a Gentile heritage feel like \_\_\_\_\_ class citizens in the Kingdom of God.” -Brad Gray*

- ★ So, Paul who was a Jew but a \_\_\_\_\_ to the Gentiles was trying to bring the two together in Christ. And it was complicated.*

### *4) One New Man out of the two*

*Read Ephesians 2:11-18*

- a. Dividing wall of \_\_\_\_\_ Warning! What is the \_\_\_\_\_?*
- b. Paul is saying spiritually in Christ that barrier is no longer there.*
- c. God's people are united in Christ. Not set against each other.*
- d. How do you forge a Christian \_\_\_\_\_ with Jew and Gentile?*

*Read Ephesians 2:8-9*

*Galatians 3:26-29*