

Message Notes

Walls?... What Walls?

2 Corinthians 10 ³For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. ⁵We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

Ephesians 6 ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Titus 3 ³Indeed, we, too, were once stupid, disobedient, and misled. We were slaves to many kinds of lusts and pleasures. We were mean and jealous. We were hated, and we hated each other. ⁴However, when God our Savior made his kindness and love for humanity appear, ⁵he saved us, but not because of anything we had done to gain his approval. Instead, because of his mercy he saved us through the washing in which the Holy Spirit gives us new birth and renewal. ⁶God poured a generous amount of the Spirit on us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Ephesians 2 ¹⁴⁻¹⁵ The Messiah has made things up between us so that we're now together on this, both non-Jewish outsiders and Jewish insiders. He tore down the wall we used to keep each other at a distance. He repealed the law code that had become so clogged with fine print and footnotes that it hindered more than it helped. Then he started over. Instead of continuing with two groups of people separated by centuries of animosity and suspicion, he created a new kind of human being, a fresh start for everybody.
¹⁶⁻¹⁸ Christ brought us together through his death on the cross. The Cross got us to embrace, and that was the end of the hostility. Christ came and preached peace to you outsiders and peace to us insiders. He treated us as equals, and so made us equals. Through him we both share the same Spirit and have equal access to the Father.

Matthew 16 ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Luke 4 ¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

WALLS are unhealthy m _____, conclusions, assumptions or attitudes that get c _____ into our living and prevent us from experiencing l _____ as God intended it to be.

WALLS are relatively easy to build considering every one of us is b _____ (sinful), lives in a b _____ world and is preyed on by the "e _____"!

WALLS are not the "circumstances" we experience from living in a very broken world but they are the "unhealthy" r _____ which often gets cemented into our "way of living"!

WALLS s _____ at all levels, b _____, b _____ and even lead us like a maze to???..... where we never wanted to go... becoming who we n _____ wanted to be!

Name those WALLS!

G _____, S _____, Fear, Anxiety, Control, P _____, U _____, Anger, Resentment, B _____, R _____, Irresponsibility, G _____, Desire for P _____/Comfort, F _____, B _____, Control, Addiction, D _____, C _____!

WALLS even have "Death Strip" styled p _____!

Dear Lord Jesus,
I SURRENDER myself (including my WALLS) and my agenda for this day in my life to You!

I RECEIVE You, Your agenda and Your resources for me!

And now I will ACT like it in faith-filled obedience! Amen