1) It's lonely on the wrong side of the wall. (v. 11-12)

We are often told to "remember" things we already know in the Bible. What is the danger of forgetting or becoming complacent about where God found us on the other side of the wall?

Describe what you remember about being "separated from Christ"? What does it feel like to be in the following condition?

- Friendless "alienated" from God's people
- Homeless "Stranger to the covenant of promise"
- Hopeless "without hope"
- Godless "without God"

2) The wall of hostility has been replaced with the cross of peace. (v. 13-18)

Would you say you were near or far from God before you were converted to Christ? How about your children? How about refugees from a place like Syrian or Iraq?

How did God break down the dividing wall of hostility between us and himself?

Describe the walls of hostility that remain between the following groups of people.

Describe the remaining walls in your own heart toward any of these groups.

- Black/White
- Rich/Poor
- Husbands/Wives
- Parents/Children
- Bio Families/Blended Families
- Young/Old
- Traditionalists/Creatives

If we have peace with God, why is there a lack of peace with others?

What it the center piece of unity in Christ?

3) <u>Together</u>, we will live life <u>without</u> <u>walls</u>. (v. 19-22)

God is building a dwelling place for himself from different kinds of people. What kind of different are you?

Are you using any of the following "bricks" to build dividing walls?

- Differences
- Fear
- Pride
- Bitterness
- Rebellion

What are you doing intentionally to break down the dividing walls in your family, church, community?

Additional Scripture

- Romans 2:28-29
- Luke 2:12-14
- Acts 2:39
- Colossians 1:21-22
- Colossians 2:14
- Galatians 3:28