

## OVERCOMING OUR DIFFERENCES THROUGH CHRIST

Introduction – There are tensions in our society between ethnic groups, gender controversies, and class conflicts. This was true for the first century world in which the church of Christ emerged to create a new family.

A. Ethnic and cultural tensions between Jews and Gentiles was intense.

Ephesians 2:11-13

Ephesians 2:14-18

Ephesians 2:19-22

B. Problems between genders, economic status, as well as ethnic differences were overcome in Christ.

Galatians 3:26-28

Conclusion – There is a human tendency to befriend only people like ourselves. Most congregations are homogenous groups. We should be a model of reconciliation among all worldly differences.

John 17:20-23