

TEAR DOWN THESE WALLS

ACTS 21:17-36

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

TO GRACE. “The Jewish Zealots were saying, in effect, we are saved by grace but kept by the Law.” Kent Hughes, *Acts*, page 294. Paul found common ground to testify to the Jews. (**Acts 21:17-26, fn 21:23, 24[2nd]**, **Galatians 1:6, fn 1:6, Galatians 3:1-5, fn 3:2, 3, Colossians 2:6, 7, fn 2:6, 7, I Corinthians 9:19-23, fn 9:22, 23**) *What are some walls to grace that prevent your growth in Christ?*

TO LOVE. At the Temple, a wall divided the outer Court of the Gentiles from the inner courts which were off limits to the Gentiles under penalty of death. *ESV Study Bible*, footnote for Ephesians 2:14. To the unknowing Jews, this wall represented God’s dislike for the Gentiles. It was to be a place of Jewish evangelism to the Gentiles, a place for winning proselytes to Judaism. John MacArthur, *The McArthur New Testament Commentary*, page 77. (**Acts 21:27-29, John 3:16, fn 3:16[1st]**, **Mark 11:15-17, fn 11:15-17[2nd]**, **Ephesians 2:11-22, fn 2:11-16**) *How could you break down the walls and love your family with the love of Jesus?*

TO FAITH. These Jews did not understand the Old Testament teaching that they (and the Messiah) were to be a light to the Gentiles. Without this knowledge from God, they did not have the faith they needed for their lives and were trying to kill Paul. (**Acts 21:30-36, Acts 22:21, 22, fn 22:21,22, Hosea 4:6, fn 4:6-9, Isaiah 53:11, fn 53:11, Romans 10:16-21, fn 10:18-20, Acts 17:11**) *How has knowledge of Jesus enabled you to break down walls of unbelief and allow Him to build your faith?*

The Bible was not written for our information only but for our transformation. *How will these verses change you in your walk with God and others?*

Pray for one another’s needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?

