

In Christ There Is No East or West

1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no pride of birth;
the chosen family God has bless now spans the whole wide earth.
2. For God in Christ has made us one from every land and race;
He reconciled us through his Son and met us with his grace.
3. It is by grace we are assured that we belong to him;
the love we share in Christ our Lord, the Spirit works within.
4. So, brothers, sisters, praise his name who died to set us free
from sin, division, hate, and shame, from spite and enmity.
5. In Christ there is no east or west—he breaks all barriers down;
by Christ redeemed, by Christ possessed, in Christ we live as one.

Taking Gathered Worship

Home



Family and Individual Devotions

Meditations in Acts

Week of February 25, 2007

The Essence of the Church

Daily Devotionals

We have just witnessed the conversion of Saul. A marvelous work of the Holy spirit in the life of a man violently opposed to God. Clear evidence of the change that takes place in anyone touched by the Spirit of God. No one is too corrupt that he cannot be reached by God. It is equally true that scripture teaches that God chooses his people from all nations. We are instructed to “make disciples of all nations”, and commanded to be His witness “to the ends of the earth”.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to meet with Jesus. Please pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Throughout the week we encourage you to use the hymn, “In Christ There is no East or West” found on the back page as your song, your prayer, and your reminder this week about what the church is all about.

Sunday, 2/25 **Read: Acts 10:35-36.** God does not show favorites. How should that affect the way we go about witnessing and making disciples?

Pray That God would give you a heart to witness to all people regardless of how you may feel about them.

Monday, 2/26 **Read: James 2:1-4** warns us against favoritism. Look especially at **James 2:4**. Do you ever judge people on the basis of externals such as economic status? In what other ways might you become a judge “with evil thoughts”?

Pray You would look at all others as God’s created beings. That you would not fail to bring the truths of God to people based on external impressions.

Tuesday, 2/27 **Read:** We often think of showing favoritism towards those who are “greater”. Is it possible to discriminate in favor of someone because that person is “lesser”? What does **Leviticus 19:15** say about this?

Pray For a complete ability to witness without judging.

Wednesday, 2/28 **Reflect:** On **Colossians 3:12**. How should clothing yourself “with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience” affect the way in which you deal with people?

Pray That the attributes in **Colossian 3:12** would be the centerpiece of your life as one of God’s chosen people.

Thursday, 3/1 **Read:** Dealing with others without favoritism, clothing ourselves in the character of Christ. These are things that scripture requires of us. With our weak flesh how is this all possible? **Read John 15:5.**

Pray For an understanding that without Christ you can do nothing. That only by abiding in Him will you be able to express the attributes of Christ.

Friday, 3/2 **Read: II Corinthians 3:5** declares that our sufficiency is in Christ. That in Christ we have the ability to accomplish those things God has set before us.

Pray That you will live your life in the victory won on the cross.

Saturday, 3/3 **Read:** God’s compassion, unfailing love and faithfulness are eloquently expressed in **Lamentations 3:23**. If God is compassionate, loving and faithful to us then how should you deal with the people that God places in your life?

Pray That you will be an ambassador for Christ. That His character will be reflected in you.