

Friday, February 15, 2013

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

We live in a world of division. Despite man's best efforts - political rhetoric, good intentions, and other attempts at equality - the human race is a divided race. In the Apostle Paul's time, Judaism segregated people by whether they were born a Jew or not. The Jews were God's covenant people and therefore enjoyed certain privileges as it pertained to God's work in the human race. A non-Jew, or Gentile, was considered a low-class person, not worthy of receiving the grace and forgiveness offered by Christ. Ephesians 2: 11-12 speaks of the wonderful reconciliation work that Christ offers us. In summary, Christ came to abolish the division between not only Jews and Gentiles, but the separation of sinful man and a Holy God. Just like God's pattern of marriage makes "the two one flesh", the unity of Spirit offered through faith in Christ reconciles the Jew and Gentile, and unregenerate man and God alike. Because of Christ's regenerate work in us, there is now no male nor female, slave nor free, Jew nor Gentile (Galatians 3:28).

You are cordially invited to the following programs at CCCFW this weekend:

Friday (2/15): Fellowship starts at 7:00pm with a couple of songs led by Daniel and a fun game led by Dingding. Elder Chung-Wen will again lead the discussion "There is a God".

Sunday (2/17): Worship starts at 10:45 am. Elder Howard Huang will speak a message on "One in Christ 在基督裏合而為一" (Eph. 2:11-12). Sister Wei will lead the singspiration. Cheu-jey & Shu-hui will serve as ushers and Daohong will be the sermon interpreter. Children can attend the age appropriate programs at the First Assembly of God.

We look forward to seeing you this weekend.

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