

Genesis 9-11 – Sin separates

Sin separates us from each other

Where we're up to – a fresh start... but 8.21

1. Sin

6.8f; 9.20 – Noah's drunkenness & shame

Consequences for Ham/ Canaan (Gen 15.16)

Ch 11 – Tower of Babel (babble) – up to heaven/God

"We can do anything"

2. Separation – 11:4ff cf. 9.7

Our plans and ambitions, and "Lord willing" (James 4.15)

God comes down and brings confusion

And scatters/ separates (Acts 17)

Ch 10 – descendants and nations:

- Japheth –
- Ham – Africa (and racism)
Canaan and Nimrod
- Shem

We feel the separation & confusion

3. Hope of Restoration – 11.10ff

Through Abraham

In Christ reconciles us to God & each other (Eph 2.15ff)

Language barrier overcome - Acts 2

Our Hope – Rev 7.9-10

Gal 3.28 and us loving & welcoming one another and others

Eg of Nigel