



## Ephesians 2:11-22 The Unity of Grace

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### Easy warm-up questions (choose one)

1. What is one of your biggest pet peeves?
2. Have you ever felt separate, excluded, hopeless?

### The Great Divide (2:11,12)

1. How does Paul describe the former identity of the Gentile Christians?
2. Why do you think Paul reminds the Ephesians of the Gentile's previously hopeless condition?
3. What was at the root of the division between the Jews and the Gentiles?
4. What types of divisions does the church deal with today?

### God's Answer (2:13-18)

1. What is now true of the Gentiles who are in Christ? How was this accomplished?
2. How does Paul describe Christ's redeeming work in verses 14 to 16?
3. Notice the order: He Himself IS our peace (verse 14) and then He MAKES peace (verse 15). Why must we have peace with God before we are able to have peace with each other?
4. How does recognizing our common status in Christ help us towards healing what divides us?

### God's Purpose (2:19-22)

1. How is the church described in these verses? What stands out to you here?
2. Salvation is a personal issue as well and a corporate reality. Meaning that we are saved into the Church which is the Body of Christ, a family, a temple for God's use. These days, in what ways is your life different because of this reality?
3. In Christ, what are we becoming? Why?
4. In thinking through your answer to #3, these days, how does this affect you?

### Processing all that...

1. How can what Paul writes here help us to "hang in there" with each other and perhaps be used by God to heal us individually and as a congregation.
2. How might what Paul writes here help us to "hang in there" with each other and be used by God to help us grow closer to Him?
3. What walls of division stand in your life at home, in the church, in the community, at work? How can what Paul writes in this passage help you to start breaking down those walls today?
4. These days, what are you doing to help people be reconciled to God?