

The Church
One
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We, the Church of Jesus Christ, must be unified,
empowered, and on assignment.

Ephesians 2:11-22 NLT

11 Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called "uncircumcised heathens" by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. 12 In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. 13 But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

14 For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. 15 He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. 16 Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

17 He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who

were near. 18 Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. 19 So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. 20 Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. 21 We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. 22 Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

Three Truths:

1. We were far, but Christ brought us near.

Ephesians 2:13 NLT **But now** you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him **through the blood of Christ**.

You were saved from something and for something.

We are a work of God doing the Works of God

2. Christ brought us together to become one.

Ephesians 2:14 NLT For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us.

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The cross pulls us out of sin and into unity.

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We are ONE house, ONE body, ONE people.

Ephesians 2:19-20 NLT So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.

Unity is not a preference unity is the blueprint.

John 17: 20-21 NLT I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message. I pray that they will all be one, just as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

When we the church are one what will the world see?

1. Grace
2. Love
3. Generosity