

We Are Glad *You* Are Here

Sunday, July 12, 2026



sermon: "The Blessings of Unity" Ephesians 2:11-22

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1. Spiritual alienation (v. 12; cf. Col. 1:21-22) - We were alienated from God and His promises because we did not have Messiah Jesus as savior and redeemer.
2. Relational alienation (vv. 11-12; cf. Col. 2:13) – Jews considered Gentiles to be outcasts, resulting in animosity and division.

B. Prior to Christ, our spiritual position was bleak. Not only were we separate from God, but also from His covenant people through which He had revealed Himself. But in Christ all of that has changed (cf. Eph. 1:3; 2:4-6; 3:6).

II. Life in Christ (vv. 13-22)

A. God's solution to our estrangement was to draw us near through the blood of Christ (v. 13; cf. Acts 2:37-39). Where there was once hostility and distance, there is now peace, intimacy, and unity in Christ.

B. Jesus creates peace not only between us and God, but also between Jew and Gentile. We see that in Christ:

1. We have spiritual peace (vv. 13-14; cf. Col. 1:20).
2. We have relational peace (vv. 14-16; cf. Acts 10:34-36).

C. As a result of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf, our status has changed. We have gone from far from God to near to God, from estrangement to relationship. We are now:

1. Citizens of God's kingdom (v. 19; cf. Phil. 3:20).
2. Members of God's household (v. 19; cf. Eph. 1:5).
3. Filled with the Holy Spirit (v. 22; cf. Eph. 1:13).

D. No longer are we to view each other by the labels the world imposes upon us, but by the truth the Gospel opens to us, that we are one in Christ to the glory of His name

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