

## **Ephesians 2:11-18**

### **A Single New People of God**

- I. The former Gentile situation (vv. 11-12)
  - A. There was a social barrier between the Jews and Gentiles (v. 11)
    - 1. They were not a part of God's covenant people (v. 11a)
    - 2. They were scorned by the Jews (v. 11b)
  - B. There was a theological barrier between the Jews and Gentiles (v. 12)
    - 1. They were outside of Christ
    - 2. They were outside the citizenship of Israel
    - 3. They were without God's revelation of salvation
    - 4. They were without hope
    - 5. They were without God in the world
- II. God's solution introduced (v. 13)
  - A. In Christ...
  - B. Gentiles have been brought near to God...
  - C. By the blood of Christ.
- III. God's solution explained (vv. 14-16)
  - A. The person of peace (vv. 14-15a)
    - 1. Jesus is our peace (v. 14a)
    - 2. Jesus made Jews and Gentiles one (v. 14b)
    - 3. Jesus destroyed the barrier between Jews and Gentiles (v. 14c)
    - 4. Jesus fulfilled the law removing the instrument of hostility (v. 15a)
  - B. The purpose of peace (v. 15b-16)
    - 1. Jesus created a unified body that has peace (v. 15b)
    - 2. Jesus reconciled both Jews and Gentiles to God (v. 16)
      - a. In one body...
      - b. By the cross...
      - c. Having put to death the enmity between God and man
- IV. God's solution proclaimed (vv. 17-18)
  - A. Jesus brought good news to both Jews and Gentiles (v. 17)
  - B. Through Jesus both have access to God by one Spirit (v. 18)