

**Sunday, May 14, 2023**  
**Title: “God’s Unifying Grace”**  
**Text: Ephesians 2:11–22**  
**Series: *Ephesians***

**I. Remember the time of separation from Christ (Eph 2:11–12).**

**A. “Having no Hope” (v. 12)**

**B. “Without God in the world” (v. 12)**

Ephesians 2:11–22 (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> Therefore

remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh,

called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision,  
which is made in the flesh by  
hands—

<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time

separated from Christ,

alienated from the commonwealth of Israel

and strangers to the covenants of promise,

having no hope and without God in the world.

**II. Recognize how only *IN Christ* can the “far off” be “brought near” (Eph 2:11–12).**

**A. “by the blood of Christ” (v. 13)**

**B. “He Himself is our peace” (v. 14)**

**1. Peace with Each Other → Jesus made two into one by giving His body to be broken (vv. 14–15)**

**2. Peace with God → Jesus reconciled us to God “through the cross” (v. 16)**

**3. Peace Offered to All → Jesus preached peace to the “far off” and the “near” (vv. 17–18)**

<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace,

who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility

<sup>15</sup> by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances,

that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace,

<sup>16</sup> and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

<sup>17</sup> And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

<sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

### **III. Rejoice in Christ's Church – Jesus Himself the Cornerstone (Eph 2:11–12).**

**A. “Fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God” (v. 19)**

**B. “A Holy Temple in the Lord” (v. 21)**

**C. “A Dwelling place for God by the Spirit” (v. 22)**

<sup>19</sup> So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,

but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

<sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,

<sup>21</sup> in whom the whole structure, being joined together,  
grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

<sup>22</sup> In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.