

## **BROUGHT NEAR BY HIS BLOOD**

**Ephesians 2:11-18**

### **INTRODUCTION: Ephesians is all about the church (God's Family)**

Chap 1 – The Church is a body and Christ is the Head

Chap 2 – The Church is a Temple (last week => The material used)

### **I. YOU WERE GENTILES IN THE FLESH (11-13)**

A. The church at Ephesus consisted mostly of Gentiles.

B. In (11-12) there is a description of the hopeless plight of Gentiles.

(And... it is also an accurate description of any lost person)

C. There is brought to us another “but God” moment. (vs 13)

...But now, for those who are in Christ, everything has changed.

They were without Christ...NOW they are in Christ.

### **II. JESUS CHRIST BRINGS RECONCILIATION TO ALL THE REDEEMED (14-17)**

1. When you come to Christ...You're brought into Christ (the head).

2. The contrast in this passage is between Jew and Gentile.

3. To the lost: God's reconciliation to you is already complete!

4. Our glorious Christ has made believers into New Men!

We “are” the temple God is building today!

5. The OT Temple had many partitions (there were sections).

Jesus Christ by His death, took out the veil.

- He became the outer court (The Way)
- He became the Holy Place (The Truth)
- He became the Holy of Holies (The Life)

We don't come to God through different entrances anymore!

...we come directly into the presence of the Father through Christ!

### **III. ACCESS TO THE FATHER (18)**

1. Do not miss the Trinity in this one verse!

For through Him (Jesus Christ the Son) we both have access by one Spirit (The Holy Spirit) to the Father (God the Father).

2. We are all on level ground at the foot of the cross! (John 14:6)