

# Our Corporate Identity

*Ephesians 2:11-22*

## I. Alienation: Who We Once Were [2:11-12]

**A. Christless [12a]**

**B. Foreigners [12b]**

**C. Hopeless and godless [12c]**

## II. Reconciliation: What Christ Has Done [2:13-18]

**A. Christ has brought us peace [14a]**

**B. Christ has made us one [14b-16]**

**C. Christ preached peace [17]**

**D. Christ has given us access to God [18]**

## III. Identification: Who We Have Now Become [19-22]

**A. Citizens of God's kingdom [19a]**

**B. Members of God's family [19b]**

**C. Stones in God's temple [20-22]**

### Application Questions:

1. How does it affect you to "remember" your situation before you knew Christ [2:11-12]? How are you encouraged by meditating on your new status [2:13, 19-22]?
2. How does this passage speak of a non-Christian [2:12, 17, 19]? What are your reactions to this description?
3. How does this passage emphasize the corporate nature of Christianity?
4. Explain the work of Christ in this passage.
5. Why do you think people object to the idea of substitutionary atonement? How would you defend this doctrine to a skeptic?
6. How does verse 18 relate to prayer? How should it affect our view of prayer?
7. How should this passage change the way we think about the church?
8. What type of church do you long to be a part of?
9. Why is a unified church a great witness to the unbelieving world?
10. What have you learned about church and community during your time as a Christian? How would you describe the role of the church in the life of a Christian?

