

THE JEW, THE GENTILE, AND THE CHURCH OF GOD
(Ephesians 2:11-13)

1 Corinthians 10:32

I. THE WEALTH OF THE CHURCH

A. The Plan of God for the Church (1:3-14)

B. The Prayer of Paul for the Church (1:15-23)

C. The People of the Church (2:1-22)

D. The Reality of Gentile Believer's Union with Jewish Believers in the Church (2:11-13)

1. The Gentile call to _____ their past position (2:11a)

- *What were they to remember?
- *Why did God choose Israel in the first place? (Deut. 7:6-8; John 3:16; 1 Cor.1:26-31))

Principle: God likes to use _____ things to confound the _____!

- One word that described the Gentiles from the Jew's perspective, is "_____" or "_____".

2. Let's look at some "*without*" or "*outside*" aspects of Gentiles from this passage:

a) They were viewed as _____ in their _____ (2:11b)

b) Gentiles were referred to as _____, by what is called the _____ made in the flesh _____! (2:11c)

3. The Gentile, who _____ the external sign of circumcision, also lacked _____ that God had given to the nation of Israel in the past....

a) They were _____ (2:12a)

b) Gentiles, by nature, were “_____ from the commonwealth of Israel” (2:12b)

- What was meant by “*the commonwealth of Israel*”?

c) Gentiles were “_____ from the _____ of promise!” (2:12c)

d) Gentile were _____ (2:12d)

e) Lastly, Gentiles are then clearly _____ in the world (2:12e)

Principle: When the church is _____ the world, it does the _____ for the world!

4. The Great Contrast: You were... “_____” (2:13)

- What does it mean to be “In Christ”?

- **Paul’s point:** “All who were afar off ... (this includes all Gentiles & all Jews)...but now, have put their faith in _____ ... are now _____ to God, and can enjoy His _____!” (2:13)

- How did all this happen?

- What does faith in Christ result in?