

## SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** June 28, 2020

**Series:** God's Riches

**Title:** Unity in Christ: Our Shared Experience

**Text:** Ephesians 2:11-13

**Big Idea:** We are united because though we were once far from God, we have been brought to him by the blood of Christ.

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# APPLICATION GUIDE

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## DISCUSS

Why are all people separated from God (Ephesians 1:1-4; Romans 3:23)?

According to Ephesians 2:11-12, why were Gentiles considered to be further away than Jews?

What did God do to bring both Jews and Gentiles near to him to one another?

## APPLY THE TRUTH

In what ways have you felt far from God? Is this distance real or perceived (Isaiah 59:2; Psalm 139)?

What do you believe is the cause of this distance and separation?

How should the work of Christ change the way you see your position with God (Isaiah 57:18-19)?

How does Christ's work change the way you relate to other believers regardless of the differences (Acts 2:39; Colossians 1:9-14)?

How have you seen God draw you close to him?

How can those experiences help you draw close to other believers, even if they are very different from you?

What steps do you need to take to draw even closer to God (Deuteronomy 4:29; Hebrews 4:16; 7:25; James 4:8)?

## COMMIT THIS WEEK

Don't seek God alone and don't always seek him with people just like you. See him with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart no matter who they are (2 Timothy 2:22).