

Ephesians - The Gospel Unites The Church - A New Humanity Ephesians 2:11-22 (page 976/1242) Pastor Matt Kottman October 29, 2023

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2. We Are Reconciled (2:13-18)

3. We Are the Church (2:19-22)

Discussion and Application Questions

- 1. How would you define the church? What features would you say are fundamental to the people of God and which are merely cultural preferences?
- 2. Paul focuses on our vertical reconciliation as the key to our horizontal reconciliation. What are we missing if we pursue right relationships with people without prioritizing our right relationship with God?
- 3. How can horizontal hostility highlight a vertical problem?
- 4. What is the effect of the 'blood of Christ' (v. 13)?
- 5. According to this passage, what was the purpose of the death of Jesus?
- 6. Summarize Paul's description of the church (vv. 19–22). Does this challenge your view of the church?
- 7. In the message we learned that the church is inescapably corporate. In light of this passage what does being joined to a local church say to the world and to one another?