

AFFIRMATION OF OUR UNION IN CHRIST
(Ephesians 2:11-13)

I. Our PAST Disunion (Eph. 2:11-12)

A. We were of the “UNCIRCUMCISION” (2:11)

1. God had chosen ISRAEL as His PEOPLE (Amos 3:2)
2. Circumcision signified God’s COVENANT with ABRAHAM
3. We were DESPISED as UNCLEAN to the Jews
4. Their circumcision is “in the FLESH” and made “by HAND”

B. We were of the UNPRIVILEGED (2:12)

1. We were “SEPARATE from CHRIST”
2. We were “EXCLUDED from the COMMONWEALTH of Israel”
3. We were “STRANGERS to the COVENANTS of PROMISE”
4. We were HOPELESS
5. We were GODLESS
6. We were “in the WORLD”

II. Our PRESENT Union (Eph. 2:13)

- A. “BUT NOW” we are “in CHRIST JESUS”
 - 1. We had been “FAR OFF” (cf. Isa. 57:19; Acts 2:39)
 - 2. We “HAVE BEEN BROUGHT NEAR” (cf. Ps. 148:14)

- B. This was accomplished “by the BLOOD of [the] CHRIST”
 - 1. It is the ONLY means of our REDEMPTION (cf. 1:7)
 - 2. It is the ONLY means of our RECONCILIATION