

# Message Notes

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*Transformed, Not Conformed*  
Red Church  
Ephesians 2:11-18  
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- ◆ Transformation begins in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ Jesus came to transform the way we think of and \_\_\_\_\_ people.
- ◆ Paul was writing to a church with an \_\_\_\_\_ group and \_\_\_\_\_ group problem.
- ◆ Living with an in/out group mentality is \_\_\_\_\_ the way of Jesus.

## We Were Alienated:

Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise without hope and without God in the world. *Eph. 2:12*

- ◆ Paul wanted the Gentiles to \_\_\_\_\_ who they were before Christ:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ from Christ. (Dt. 9:7; Neh. 9:7; Amos 3:2; Rom. 11:28-29)
  - Foreigners to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the promise. (Gen. 3:2-3, 17:7, 26:3-5, 28:13-15; Jer. 31:33; Rom. 9:4; John 4:22)
  - Without \_\_\_\_\_ and without \_\_\_\_\_ in the world. (Job 7:6; Ps. 146:5; Acts 28:20; Jer. 14:8, 17:13; Acts 17:22-23; Gal. 4:8; 1 Thess. 4:13)
- ◆ Even Jesus' ministry \_\_\_\_\_ on the Jews. (Mt. 10:5, 15:24; John 4:22)

## We Are Now Brought Near:

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. *Ephesians 2:13*

- ◆ Because of Jesus death on the cross, Gentiles are no longer \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ The \_\_\_\_\_ is now "by grace you have been saved." (Eph. 2:8-9)
- ◆ Because of the cross, there are no more \_\_\_\_\_ groups & \_\_\_\_\_ groups. (2 Cor. 5:18-19; Rom. 5:10, 11:17-24; Gal. 3:28; Eph. 1:7, 2:16; Col. 1:15-22, 3:11)
- ◆ Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ for the church is to be a \_\_\_\_\_ church. (John 17; Rev. 7)

## Brought-In People Bring In:

- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ . (Dt. 8:10-18; Ps. 103; Is. 46:9)
- ◆ Humbly \_\_\_\_\_ . (Mt. 4:17; Luke 14:11, 18:9-14; Acts 3:19; 2 Peter 3:9)
- ◆ Get \_\_\_\_\_ . (Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:15; Acts 1:8)