From Far to Near

Ephesians 2:12-22

[Unbelievers' Former & Present Condition; Growing God's Temple]

Sunday, August 3, 2025 - Pastor Patrick Ransom

SERMON OUTLINE

I. PAST: STATUS OF UNBELIEVERS

A. Christless, stateless, hopeless, and godless (2:11–12)

II. PRESENT: STATION OF BELIEVERS

- A. From far brought **near** (2:13); from strangers to co-citizens (2:19)
- B. Both unified and created into one new person (2:15)
- C. Once separated from God, now reconciled with God, gaining access to Him (2:16–18)

III. FUTURE: "STRUCTURE" OF BELIEVERS

- A. Foundation: doctrine of the apostles and prophets (2:20a)
- B. Cornerstone: **Jesus** Himself (2:20b)
- C. Building: Believers "co-built" & "co-fitted" (2:21–22)
- D. Function: The dwelling of God in Christ in the Spirit (2:21–22)

IV. JOIN TEAM UNITY!

A. How do we demonstrate Christian unity (diversity) to our community?

STRUCTURE

- A you; in the flesh (x2); strangers; without God (11–12)
- **B** you who were once far...near; our peace (13–15a)
 - **C** that he might create in Himself (15b)
 - **D** into one new person (15c)
 - **D'** both in one body (16a)
 - C' killing the enmity in Himself (16b)
- **B'** peace to you; far...near; we have access (17–8)
- **A'** strangers; of God; you; dwelling of God; in the Spirit (19–22)

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NEXT WEEK:

Church: Vehicle of God's Glory

Ephesians 3:1–13

