

Renewing Our Vision for 2021  
**“God’s Recreation of Us”**  
**Individual and Corporate Transformation**  
**Ephesians 2:11-18**

**Last Week: God’s Recreation of Us as Individuals**

*Eph. 2:1-3 Our Life before Jesus misguided, deceived and without hope.*

*Eph. 2:4-7 Our life with “Christ in us”: ALIVE and EMPOWERED*

*Eph. 2:8-10 We are now “Fully Equipped” for work He needs us to do.*

**God’s Recreation of Us as a People (Eph 2:11-18)**

- 1. Without Jesus: Gentiles were defined as an ethnic group without any connection to God and all benefits and privileges of knowing God. (Eph. 2:11-12)**

Gentiles

Uncircumcision

Separate from the Messiah

Not a people associated with God

Ignorant of God’s promises

No Hope and without God

- 2. With Christ: Gentiles are now an ethnic group who are as close to God as is possible in this life because of what Jesus did for us. (Eph. 2:13-14a)**

We have been brought near to God by Jesus shed blood.

We are at complete peace with God because of “Christ Alone”

- 3. Jesus eliminated the relevance of all ethnic, ritualistic, and traditional preferences in order to establish a true family of God united only by the Spirit. (Eph. 2:14b-18)**

He removed the value of anything Jews had known before Jesus.

Jews needed to deny all previous advantages they enjoyed in order to trust Jesus in the same way as did the Gentiles.

Jesus eliminated all differentiation between people groups by “creating a new identity” basis upon only on God’s Spirit in us.

**What Does Our New Family Identity Mean?**

- It means God is committed to creating a familial presence in the world made up solely of people led by His Spirit.
- It means I cannot choose to recognize color, ethnicity, language, gender, or age as relevant to my church commitment.
- It means the only observable basis for my unity and fellowship with other children of God is our shared commitment to the work of the Spirit in our lives.

*Where is my devotion to  
the Spirit-led Family of God  
most visibly evident in my life?*