



## The church is joined as one community.



Paul writes to the Gentiles (those who are not Jews) and reminds them that at one time, they were “separated from Christ,” (verse 11)

**GENTILES**

**CHRIST**

\* Draw a line separating Gentiles from Christ.

They were “alienated from Israel” (verse 12)

**GENTILES**

**JEWS**

\* Draw a line separating Gentiles from Jews.

What other words does Paul use to describe Gentiles in the past? (see verses 11-12)

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The church today continues to have groups divided from each other. Can you think of 2?  
(hint: think about differences in money, education, political views, race)

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\* Write them on the lines, then draw a line separating them from each other.

But NOW in Christ... things are different!

“...you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility” (verses 13-14)

\* Draw a line connecting Gentiles to Christ, crossing the “wall” of separation.

\* Draw a line connecting Gentiles to Jews, crossing the “wall” of separation.

\* Draw a line connecting the 2 groups in the church today, crossing the “wall” of separation.

\* Write “Jesus” on each of these connecting lines.

Jesus does everything that needs to be done to save us as individuals. He also does everything that needs to be done to join us together in the church.

\* Can you trust that Jesus has done everything needed to overcome divisions in the church, even if you can't see that today? If Jesus has done everything, what do you think your role is as a believer in the church? (does Pastor Tracy talk about this?)

\* Can you think of any people working together in the church who are very different? How can our differences bring glory to God?

“In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

Ephesians 2:22

