

## True Identity (Ephesians 2:11-13) Part I & II

### From Death to Life (2:1-2)

- i. *Our Standing or Status* 2: 1
- ii. *Our Actions and practice* (vv.1-2)
- iii. *Our Fallen Nature* (2:3)

### Only God Can Save the Guilty Sinner: His Love & Power (2:4-7)

- i. *He is Rich with Mercy & Great with Love: God's Motive*
- ii. *His Divine Power: The way He makes us alive* (5-7)

### Called by God to Proclaim His Grace (2:7-10)

- i. *To Show the Exceeding Riches of His grace* (2:7)
- ii. *To Keep Us Humble* (2:8-9)
- iii. *To Empower us for Service* (2:10)

#### I. Remember What You Were by Natural Birth (2:11)

- A. Remember your Roots: (11a) **“Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh”**
- B. Remember your Rejection (11b) **“who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands”**

#### II. Remember the Consequences of Your Past (2:12)

- A. You were alienated from Community (2:12a,b) **“being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel”**
- B. Alienated from Intimacy (2:12c) **“and strangers from the covenants of promise”**
- C. Alienated from Hope and God in this world (2:12d) **“having no hope and without God in the world”**

#### III. Who You Are in Christ – Your true Identity (2:13)

- A. We are “In Christ”(13a) **“But now you are in Christ Jesus” (2:13a)**
- B. We have been “brought Near” (13b) **“you who were once far away have been brought near**
- C. Through Blood (2:13c) **“through the blood”**