

Sermon Notes for October 2, 2005 **Morning: “About Once Every One Hundred Years”** Ephesians 2:11-3:8 (Pew Bible page 1038) (Our Unity in Christ)

- I.** Our Unity is at the Cross where we Remember our **Need**— “Therefore **remember** that you were once Gentiles in the flesh.” Ephesians 2:11
- Remembering our **Alienation**— “Who are called the Uncircumcision . . . **Aliens** from the commonwealth (citizenship) of Israel.” Ephesians 2:12
 - Remember our **Emptiness**— “Without Christ strangers from the covenants of promise.” Ephesians 2:12
 - Remembering our **Hopelessness**— “Having no hope and without God in the world.” Ephesians 2:12
- II.** Our Unity is at the Cross where we find our **Answer**— “**But now** in Christ Jesus” Ephesians 2:13 “Gut God” (Ephesians 2:4) is God saving us . . . “But now” (Ephesians 2:13) is having salvation today.
- Our answer for **Reunion** with God— “You who were once far off have been **brought near** by the blood of Christ.” Ephesians 2:13
 - Our answer in **Relationships** with people— “For He is our peace, who has made both one . . . That He might reconcile them both in **one body** through the Cross thereby putting to death the enmity (hostility).” Ephesians 2:14-16
- III.** Our Unity is at the Cross where we see our **Mission**— “Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.” Ephesians 2:19

The Lord’s Prayer

“You cannot pray the Lord’s Prayer and once say “I.”
You cannot pray the Lord’s Prayer and utter “me” or “my.”
You cannot pray the Lord’s Prayer without praying for your brother.
You cannot pray the Lord’s prayer without including others.”

- Our Mission to build the **Family** of God— “We both have access by one Spirit to the Father.” Ephesians 2:18
- Our Mission to have **Fellowship** with God— “You are no longer foreigners **but fellow** citizens with the saints.” Ephesians 2:19
- Our Mission in the **Future** to the glory of God— “Members of the household of God . . . To His intent that now through the **Church** the manifold wisdom of God should be known.” Ephesians 2:19, 3:10