



TODAY'S MESSAGE:

Becoming Who We Are: Jesus Makes Us One

Jim Keena | Guest Speaker | October 11, 2026

Referenced Scripture: Ephesians 2:11–22, Ephesians 4:2–4

Reflection Questions:

- 1) Read Ephesians 2:11–12. Paul tells these Gentile believers to remember who they were before they knew Christ. How does he describe them? Can you remember life before you knew Jesus? What has changed? If you came to faith as a child, how has Jesus shaped your life as you've grown?
- 2) Read Ephesians 2:13. Notice the phrase "But now." What changed for the Gentiles? How did Jesus bring them near? Last week, we learned that we are saved by grace, not by works. How do we see that same truth here?
- 3) Read Ephesians 2:14–16. Jesus reconciled Jews and Gentiles to God and to each other. Why did both groups need the cross? What does this reveal about our own need for Jesus, even if we've been in church all our lives?
- 4) Imagine standing at the temple barrier and being told, "You can come this far, but no farther." How would that feel? Have you ever felt like an outsider at church? What might we do, even unintentionally, that makes someone feel unwelcome?
- 5) Read Ephesians 2:17–18. Pay attention to the words "you," "those," and "we both." Who is Paul talking about? How do both groups come to the Father? How might we be tempted to think that some Christians have better access to God than others?



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- 6) Read Ephesians 2:19–20. These Gentiles were once outsiders. Now they are citizens and family members. We belong to the same household! What is the difference between attending the same church and sharing life as a family? How could we better live like
- 7) Read Ephesians 2:21–22. God is building a temple out of people, and he lives among them by his Spirit. Why does Paul emphasize that we are being built together? What do we miss when we try to follow Jesus on our own?
- 8) Jim talked about being married for 45 years. Becoming one in marriage begins a lifetime of learning to live as one. How does that help us understand unity in the church? What helps you keep loving someone when it's difficult to get along?
- 9) Read Ephesians 4:2–4. Paul tells us how to live as one: be humble, gentle, patient, and make allowance for one another's faults. Which of these do you most need to practice? Think of a specific person. What would that look like this week?
- 10) The sermon opened with the question, "Since Jesus has made us one, how do we live as one?" Some of our differences run deep, but we still belong to one another in Christ. Who could you get to know, invite into your circle, or make peace with this week? What is your next step?



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