One in Jesus Christ Bible Background: Ephesians 2-3 Printed Text: Ephesians 2:11-22 KJV/NLT Devotional Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

Aim for Change:

- 1. UNDERSTAND Paul's explanation of Jews and Gentiles becoming one in Christ
- 2. *EXPRESS* pain and sorrow over the divisions within Christ's church and joy when divisions are broken down
- 3. **BECOME** acquainted with church-unifying and church-dividing issues in order to devise strategies for addressing them

Devotional Reading:

- Friday Praying for Spiritual Power Ephesians 3:14-21 Romans 8:38-39
 - Are you blocking His Spirit from your inner man?
 - Are you extroverted/introverted when it comes to Christ?

Focal Verses:

- Sunday Discovering Our Oneness in Christ Ephesians 2:11-22
 - (vv. 11-13) The Gentile's Status Romans 2:28-29; Ephesians 1:11-14; Philippians 3:3; Colossians 2:6-15
 - Have you been so "*holy*" for so long you have forgotten how to repent? Forgot your former self prior to salvation; You feel some are beyond salvation.
 - How does spiritual pride cause division in the church?
 - Has your spiritual pride blinded you of your own faults, where other faults are magnified?
 - (vv. 14-18) Jews and Gentiles Together Romans 10:4-13; Galatians 3:23-25; WED: Ephesians 3:1-6
 - What barriers have you not let go of?
 - How have you tried to create unity when you see division?
 - Are you part of the reason there's cliques in the church?
 - (vv. 19-22) One Church, One Foundation Matthew 13:3-9; 21:42-46; TUE: 1 Corinthians 3:10-23; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20
 - How is the foundation of your church built? Are you using cheap products and materials?
 - Is your house solid as the "*Rock*" or does it crumble often, and you have to keep rebuilding?
 - Are you truly a fellow citizen of the household of God?