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Series: Identity, Who You Are in Christ
Passage: Ephesians 2:13-22
Title: Dead, Alive, Together Part 2
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Discussion Starter – Why do people invest the time and money to restore older cars? Is the reward in parking them with their immaculate paint job in a museum to be viewed? Or is there joy in driving it on a lovely spring day, using it according to its original purpose? What project does God want to accomplish together in and through His church? What is our original purpose as humans?

Read Ephesians 2:4-13

1. Consider the phrase "but God" in verse 4. What is God's mercy and love contrasted against here? What pitfall does Paul warn against in verse 9?
    a. Is your self-worth lifted when you receive a generous gift? Why? What does the gift say about you? About the giver?
2. What five traits are we asked to remember that defined our identity before we came to be in Christ?
3. Our "pre-Christ" condition is described as dead in verse 4 and said to be far-off in verse 13. What similarities do these terms share, what differences? How do they work together to present a complete description of our prior relationship with God?

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4. What seven life-changing blessings are recorded in these verses?
5. Notice how many terms appear that speak of unity in these verses. What does this reveal about your identity in Christ and how it is related to His body, the Church?
6. What is the "wall of separation" or "enmity contained in ordinances" that Jesus abolished?
    b. How are we tempted to be sin-sniffers or flesh-finders who values personal holiness or uniformity over unity? Does this approach conform to Jesus' work described here? What did He do to the enmity?
    c. Why is enmity with other people seen as an offense to God?
7. Jesus is "Our great High Priest", (Hebrews 14:14-16). How is Jesus uniquely qualified to present us before the throne of grace?
    d. How is boldness in Hebrews 4 different from boasting in Ephesians 2:9? Can these 2 approaches be present together, or are they mutually exclusive? What character trait is better coupled with boldness?
8. What 4 different metaphors are used to describe the church in verses 19-22? What different characteristics are attached to the church through the use of these metaphors?
9. What can we assume about the starting point for the church when we read that it is being "fitted together"?
    e. How does God work in your life to cause you to fit together in the body of Christ? Does "fit together" merely mean "few or no conflicts" or is it functioning as a precision, living entity in the world?
10. This chapter begins with a description of our individual rescue from a powerless life of pointless wandering and ends with a description of God building us into a place for His dwelling. Is this the purpose you see for yourself?