

**Brought Near - Ephesians 2:11-13**  
**The Amazing Words of Jesus' Followers**

April 7, 2019 Open House Fellowship

**Eph.2:11-13**

**11** *Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands—*

**12** *remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.*

**13** *But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

**A. The Problem - You Gentiles were outsiders 2:11-12**

**1. Ethnically - You were Gentiles by birth 11** *"Therefore, remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh..."*

**2. Religiously - You Gentiles were uncircumcised 11** *"who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands..."*

**3. Theologically - You Gentiles were separate from the Messiah 12** *"remember that you were at that time separate from Christ..."*

**4. Politically - You Gentiles were excluded from the kingdom of Israel 12** *"excluded from the commonwealth of Israel..."*

**5. Historically - You Gentiles were strangers to the covenants of promise 12** *“and strangers to the covenants of promise...”*

**6. Spiritually - You Gentiles had no hope and were without God 12** *“having no hope and without God in the world.”*

**B. The Solution? - You have been brought near 2:13**

**1. In Christ 13**

**2. By Christ’s blood 13**