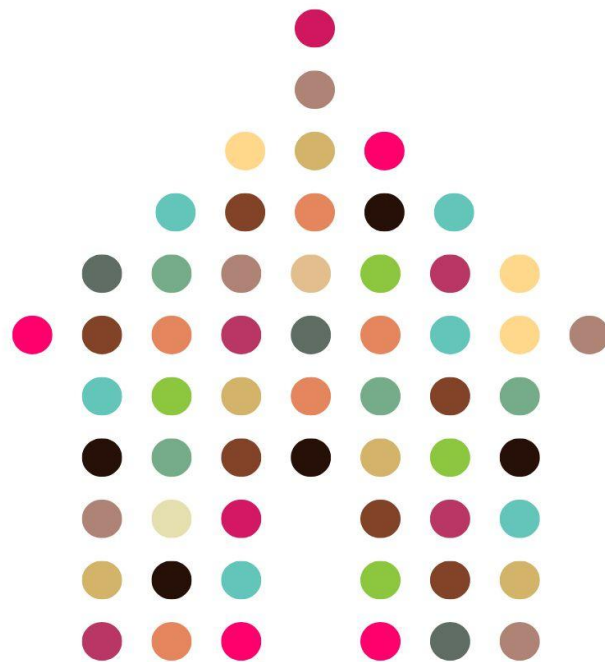




EPHESIANS

We are Jesus' Church

WE ARE CREATED ANEW

Ephesians 2:8-13

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Ephesians 2:8-13 cont.

only their bodies and not their hearts. ¹² In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope. ¹³ But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.



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Poiema

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INVITATION

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“Be careful how you live, not as fools but as those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do.”

- If you find yourself erecting a wall between you and someone else – tear it down and act with compassion.
- If you see someone who is clearly on the outside, do what ever you can to bring them inside and bring heaven down to earth.