

Section IV.**Forming One Body, and House of God.****Chap. 2: 11-22.**

EACH section of this wonderful epistle presents some new display of the grace of God in His work of redemption. In the last, we saw the sinner raised from his place of death in sin, and the dominion of his own depraved appetites, and from bondage under the prince of this world, to the right hand of God in heavenly places, to show to an admiring universe in the ages to come, "the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness towards us in Christ Jesus." Now he turns to another aspect of the work, in which we shall see Him gathering the scattered materials from among all nations and classes and conditions of mankind, and from these forming the body of the one new Man; and also building them together into a temple, to be a dwelling place for God.

1. FAR OFF:—MADE NIGH (vs. 11-13).

The apostle would not have them forget what they were, that the hopeless condition in which they were found might ever remain as a background on which to