

Ephesians 2:11-22 (NIV)

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands) — ¹² remember that at that time you were

- *separate* from Christ,
- *excluded* from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise,
- *without* hope and *without* God in the world.

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

- ¹⁴ *For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations.*
- *His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.*
- ¹⁷ *He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.*

¹⁹ Consequently,

- *you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and*

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- *also members of his household,*

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- *²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

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