

From Strangers to Family

Separated from Christ - Ephesians 2:11-12



1) Physical Separation – vs 11

Words: backgrounds, community, flesh, Gentiles, hands, heart, Jews, nothing, past, physical, remember, sign, uncircumcised

In the Jewish mindset, there were only two groups: _____ and Gentiles.

Paul tells the Gentile believers to _____ who they once were.

They were _____ by birth.

The Gentiles were called the _____.

This was a derogatory term and a _____ sign of separation.

It showed they were not part of the covenant _____.

Circumcision was the outward _____ that set them apart from the nations.

Paul says “so-called circumcision” to reminds them it was performed in the _____ by human _____.

Paul is exposing something important. An outward physical sign by itself means _____.

Over time many Jews had lost the deeper meaning. God had always desired a circumcised _____.

Both groups were also struggling with _____ traditions and practices.

The gospel was bringing together people from very different _____.

2) Spiritual Separation – vs 12

Words: Christ, excluded, God, hope, Israel, Messiah, promises, remember, strangers, world

Paul again tells the Gentile believers to _____ what they were without _____.

5 consequences of being Gentile:

Without Christ:

The Jews were waiting for the promised _____. They were separated from the Messiah.

Without Citizenship:

They were _____ from the commonwealth of _____.

Without Covenant:

God had made covenant _____ to His people.

Gentiles were _____ to those promises.

Without Hope:

Without the promises of God, they had no true _____.

Without God:

They were without _____ in the _____. Separated from the true and living God