

## Ephesians 2:11-17

**11.** Therefore remember that you, who were once **Gentiles** in the flesh - - who are called Uncircumcision by those who are called the Circumcision, in the flesh made by human hands

**Definition: "Circumcision"** - refers to the Jews - circumcision was the "sign" of their covenant with God.

**Definition: "Gentiles" or "Uncircumcision"** - in this context means non-Jews.

- **Read Colossians 2:11-13** "In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made \_\_\_\_\_ , by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of \_\_\_\_\_ , buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were \_\_\_\_\_ with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. And you being \_\_\_\_\_ in your trespasses (sins) and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses (sins)."

**12.** And at that time, you [ Gentiles ] were without Christ, being **aliens** from the commonwealth ( blessings ) of Israel, and strangers from the **covenants** of promise, having no hope, and without God in this world.

**Definition: "Covenant"** - "an agreement or promise, a contract between two parties"

- **Isaiah 56:4-7** "For thus says the Lord, 'To [ those ] who keep My sabbaths, and choose what pleases Me, and TAKE HOLD OF MY COVENANT, ..... I will give them an everlasting name which will not be cut off. Also, the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants .... and TAKE HOLD OF MY COVENANT; even those will I bring to My holy mountain, and make them JOYFUL IN MY HOUSE OF PRAYER..."
- **Luke 22:20** "And in the same way He ( Jesus ) took the cup after they had eaten, saying 'This cup is the NEW \_\_\_\_\_ IN MY BLOOD, which is shed for you.'"
- **Psalms 50:5** "Gather my \_\_\_\_\_ together unto Me' those that have made a \_\_\_\_\_ WITH ME by sacrifice (Jesus' SACRIFICE on the cross FOR ME, when I accept it by FAITH )."
- **Hebrews 1:16-17** "'This is the \_\_\_\_\_ that I will make with them after those days,' says the Lord. 'I will put my laws in their \_\_\_\_\_ , and in their minds I will write them..... Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember \_\_\_\_\_ .'"

**13.** But now in Christ Jesus, you who were at that time **afar off**, have been made **near** by the **blood of Christ**;

**Definition: "afar off" and "near"** - This refer to the **Gentiles**, who were far away ( "afar off" ) from God in Old Testament times, and the **Jews**, who were "near" because of God's covenant with the nation of Israel.

- **Hebrews 9:12** "Not the blood of goats and calves, but with His own \_\_\_\_\_ He entered the Most Holy Place ( the Holy of Holies ) once for all, having obtained eternal \_\_\_\_\_ ."
- **Hebrews 10:19-22** "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, by a new and living \_\_\_\_\_ which He consecrated for \_\_\_\_\_"

, through the veil, that is, His flesh, and having a High Priest [ Jesus ] over the house of God, let \_\_\_\_\_ draw \_\_\_\_\_ with a true heart in full assurance of faith..."

**14.** For **He is our peace**, who has made both ONE, and has broken down the middle wall of division between us;

- **Romans 5:1-2** "Therefore, being justified by FAITH, we have \_\_\_\_\_ with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: by whom also we have \_\_\_\_\_ by FAITH into this \_\_\_\_\_ wherein we stand."

**15-16.** Having abolished in His flesh the **enmity**, that is **the law of commandments** contained in **ordinances**, so as to create in Himself one new man [*the Body of Christ* ] from the two [*Jews & Gentiles* ], thus making peace. And that He might **reconcile** them both to God in one body **through the cross**, thereby putting to death the **enmity**.

- **Colossians 2:13-14** "And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, has He made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses; blotting out the **handwriting of** \_\_\_\_\_ that was against us, and took it out of the way, having nailed it to His \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Hebrews 7:19** "For the \_\_\_\_\_ made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw \_\_\_\_\_ to God."
- **Colossians 1:20** "..... by Him ( Jesus ) to **reconcile ALL THINGS** to Himself, by Him, whether things on Earth or things in Heaven, having made \_\_\_\_\_ through the blood of His \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Romans 5:10** "For if when we were \_\_\_\_\_ we were reconciled to God through the \_\_\_\_\_ of His Son, much more, having been \_\_\_\_\_, we shall be \_\_\_\_\_ by His life."
- **Romans 8:5-7** "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be **carnally** ( fleshly ) minded is \_\_\_\_\_, but to be Spiritually minded is \_\_\_\_\_ and it is not subject to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, nor indeed can be."

**Definition: "carnally minded"** - to **THINK** like the **UNSAVED** people **think**, thinking only of material, fleshly things.

**17.** And He came and preached peace to you who were **afar off** ( the Gentiles ), and to those who were **near** ( the Jews/Israel ).

- **Matthew 15:24** "But he answered and said, 'I was not sent except to the lost \_\_\_\_\_ of the house of \_\_\_\_\_ .'"
- **John 10:14-16** "I am the Good Shepherd; and I know My \_\_\_\_\_, and am known by My own. As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father: and I lay down My \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_. And \_\_\_\_\_ sheep I have which are not of this fold ( not of Israel ): them also I must bring, and they will hear My \_\_\_\_\_; and there will be **one** \_\_\_\_\_ and **one** \_\_\_\_\_."
- **Romans 9:23-24** "And that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory, even us whom **He called**, not of the \_\_\_\_\_ only, but also of the \_\_\_\_\_."