

# EPHESIANS – Chapters 1-3 - The believer's wealth in Christ



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The first half of Ephesians 2 told us about the spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ we all held when we were lost. It also told of the glorious quickening we have received by the grace of God through faith in Christ Jesus. The last half of chapter 2 emphasizes the body of believers and tells how both Jew and Gentile have become \_\_\_\_\_ new man. It is easy to get caught up with the details and circumstances of everyday life, to the point we take for granted or even forget the relationship we now have with God. Today's text bridges the gap between the first and second half of the chapter by challenging us to remember our \_\_\_\_\_ separation from God and reminding us of our precious \_\_\_\_\_ condition — near to God.

## EPHESIANS 2:11-13 – Nigh to God

1. Remembering the time \_\_\_\_\_ – Ephesians 2:11-12
  - Three types of \_\_\_\_\_ – 1 Cor. 10:32; Eph. 2:11-22
    - 1) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2) \_\_\_\_\_
    - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ of God
  - Description of a \_\_\_\_\_
    - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ *circumcision*
    - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ *Christ*
    - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ *from the commonwealth of Israel*
    - 4) \_\_\_\_\_ *from the covenants of promise*
    - 5) \_\_\_\_\_ *hope*
    - 6) \_\_\_\_\_ *God in the world*

2. Realizing the time \_\_\_\_\_ – Ephesians 2:13

- But now \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Jesus...

*Ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ*

*Mt. 26:28; Ro. 3:23-26; 5:9; Eph. 1:7; 2:13; Col. 1:14; Heb. 9:12, 22; 1Pe.1:18; 1 Jo. 1:7; Rev. 1:5; 5:9*