

# BEFORE

## Ephesians 2:11-12

<sup>11</sup> 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) – <sup>12</sup> 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.

### BEFORE (verses 11-12)

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Foreigners to the covenants of the promise (excluded from God's promises & purpose)

Without hope and without God in the world (cut off from relationship with God)

# AFTER

## Ephesians 2:19-22

<sup>19</sup> Consequently, **you are no longer** foreigners and strangers, **but (you are)** fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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Excluded from citizenship in Israel (not part of God's people)	Fellow-citizens with God's people and also members of his household (part of God's community & family)
Foreigners to the covenants of the promise (excluded from God's promises & purpose)	Built on the foundation of the apostles & prophets (beneficiaries of God's new covenant)
Without hope and without God in the world (cut off from relationship with God)	A dwelling in which God lives by the Spirit (in close and permanent relationship with God)

# THE LINK

## Ephesians 2:13-18

<sup>13</sup> **But now in Christ Jesus** you who once were far away have been brought near **by the blood of Christ**. <sup>14</sup> For **he himself is our peace**, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> 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, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God **through the cross**, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For **through him** we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

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**THROUGH JESUS**  
(verses 13-18)