

# Distance with God

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## **Ephesians 2:11–13 (NASB)**

**11** Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called “Uncircumcision” by the so-called “Circumcision,” which is performed in the flesh by human hands—

**12** remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

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

### Gentiles

- Separate from Christ – Eph. 2:12
- Excluded Strangers – Eph. 2:12
- Without God and without Hope – Eph. 2:12

### Far Off

- God is replaced by things – Mt. 6:31-32 / 1 Jn. 2:15-17
- Futility of mind – Eph. 4:17
  - Futility – uselessness, esp. concerning spiritual character of worthiness before God.
- Spiritually bankrupt; ignorant and hard hearted – Eph. 4:18
- Preoccupied with pleasure; impurities; greediness – Eph. 4:19
- A Form of godliness – 2 Tim. 3:5
- Far off eternally – Hell

### Brought Near

- The atoning death of Christ – Eph. 2:13
- Peace with God – Romans 5:1
- Access to God – Eph. 2:18
- Near to God eternally – New Heaven and Earth

### Near to God

- Love God
- Acknowledge God
- Worship God
  - In Spirit and Truth
  - In sacrifice of giving and serving
  - Beauty of Holiness
- No Longer Strangers – Eph. 2:19