



NEW WAY TO BE HUMAN

FROM LONELINESS TO CONNECTION & BELONGING

Ephesians 2:1-11

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1. WHAT WE WERE

- If you are without God, and without hope, you are spiritually _____.

2. WHAT WE ARE

- Fellow _____.
- Members of God's _____.
- _____ in a temple.

The most powerful force of all is the _____ of Jesus Christ.

We should deepen our relationship with other Christians to the point of:

- Personal _____.
- Whole-life _____ (*Ephesians 4:28*).
- Corporate _____.

You will not and cannot know Jesus deeply by yourself. The deeper you get into the lives of _____ friends, and the spiritual lives of _____, the deeper you will get into Jesus himself. (*Eph. 3:17-19*)

3. HOW WE _____ WHAT WE _____

Ephesians 4:3

- See Jesus as the _____.

Isaiah 28:16, Psalm 118:22-23, 1 Peter 2:4-5

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¹¹ 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)— ¹² 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. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

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

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

APPLICATIONS FOR BELONGING

- Participate beyond Sunday morning
- Join a volunteer team
- Sign up for the meal train
- Observe the five-minute rule
- A meal or coffee one Sunday per month
- Invite someone over... or say “yes”
- Pray for the church once per week
- Go and be a friend