



## Two Contrasting Conditions

1 Peter 2:17

### 1. A \_\_\_\_\_ Identity

The world is built upon languages, nations, tribes and cultures. So much of our lives are fashioned out of our identity with a group or people. Despite all our longings to be connected, without the salvation of Christ, we are a separated and broken people.

*Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ~ Ephesians 2:12*

### 2. A \_\_\_\_\_ Indictment

Judgment has fallen upon all mankind. Not one person is outside of the indictment of the Almighty. To stand before the tribunal of God's wrath upon your own merit is to stand there without a shred of hope or possibility of pardon.

*Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ~ John 3:18*

### 3. A \_\_\_\_\_ Inclusion

Scattered across the face of this earth are the people whose sole identity is that they belong to the LORD Jesus Christ. Counted among the saints, all who have put their faith in Christ are included with the elect and are now the people of God.

*To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours. ~ 1 Corinthians 1:2*

### 4. A \_\_\_\_\_ Injunction

You did not go out to find the mercy of God, it was prepared and given to you through Christ. The entirety of redemption is God driven, God centered and God provided in the will of the Father, the work of the Son and the witness of the Spirit.

*So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. ~ Romans 9:16*

### Galatians 3:28

**There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.**



## Two Contrasting Conditions Additional Scripture References (And Rabbit Trails Bible Study)

### John 1:10

*He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.*

### Colossians 1:21

*And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds.*

### Ephesians 4:18

*They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.*

### Micah 6:7

*Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"*

### Romans 2:12

*For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law.*

### Ezekiel 36:19

*I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries. In accordance with their ways and their deeds I judged them.*

### 1 John 3:2

*Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.*

### Romans 12:5

*...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.*

### 2 John 1:3

*Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.*

### Romans 11:32

*For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.*