

# WITHOUT GOD IN THE WORLD

## EPHESIANS 2:11-19

God's world cannot substitute for fellowship with God Himself.

### 1 MADE FOR FELLOWSHIP

God created man to know Him, receive His gifts with gratitude, and live under His loving authority.

### 2 THE WORLD WITHOUT GOD

Sin seeks God's gifts while rejecting God Himself. A respectable life cannot repair that broken relationship.

### 3 BUT NOW IN CHRIST

By His blood Christ brings the far off near, gives access to the Father, and welcomes believers into His household.

THE QUESTION IS NOT ONLY, 'WHAT DO I HAVE?' BUT, 'DO I KNOW GOD?'

#### FOLLOW THE MESSAGE

1. Why is fellowship with God the greatest gift of God's world?  
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2. How can a person receive God's blessings while still rejecting His authority?  
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3. Why can morality, religion, and good works not restore the broken relationship?  
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4. What changes in Ephesians 2:13 when Paul says, "But now in Christ Jesus"?  
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#### THE WORD TO REMEMBER

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ."

EPHESIANS 2:13 (KJV)

#### REMEMBER AND RESPOND

1. Where am I tempted to enjoy the gift while ignoring the Giver?  
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2. What does being brought near by Christ mean for the way I approach God?  
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#### THE GOSPEL ANSWER

We cannot restore fellowship with God by improving ourselves. Christ reconciles sinners to God by His blood; everyone who receives Him is brought near, given access to the Father, and made part of His household.

**MY TAKEAWAY** *What truth about God, sin, or Christ do I need to remember this week?*

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