

Remember Where You Came From

Ephesians 2:11-13
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Who you were, who you are, and why it matters:

I. Remember who you _____.

Ephesians 2:11-12 (NIV84) Therefore, **remember** that formerly you who are **Gentiles** by birth and called "**uncircumcised**" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (that done in the body by the hands of men)—

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**.

A. You were once _____ from God.

1. Independent & Rebellious (Is. 59:2; Is. 53:6; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 14; Ezekiel 28)
2. Unrighteous & Sinful (*fallen short of God's standards*)

How have _____ fallen short?

B. You were once _____ & without God.

1. Cut off from God's promises and presence.
2. No peace, purpose, or transforming power.
3. Spiritually dead.

Ephesians 2:3 "Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath."; **Romans 6:23**

How do you bridge this _____?

II. Remember who you _____.

Ephesians 2:13 (NIV84) **But** now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been **brought near** through the blood of Christ.

A. You are now _____ in God's family. (see bookmark)

Do you _____ yourself this way?

III. Remember why it _____. (three practical reasons)

Ephesians 2:10 (NIV84) "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

A. It grounds my _____ in truth.

B. It gives me _____ and strength.

C. It frees me to live with _____ and purpose.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does Paul mean when he tells us to "remember" who we were before Christ? Why is it important that we don't forget our past spiritual condition?
2. How does realizing that we were "objects of wrath" (Eph. 2:3) and "without hope and without God" impact your understanding of grace and salvation?
3. Ephesians 2:13 says we've been "brought near through the blood of Christ." What does it mean to be brought near, and how have you experienced that closeness with God personally?
4. Which of the "Who I Am in Christ" identity truths stood out to you the most—and why? (see bookmark)
5. How would your everyday life look differently if you truly lived from your identity in Christ instead of from fear, guilt, or insecurity?
6. What is one practical step you can take this week to live with more joy, purpose, or gratitude because of who you are in Christ?

Next Week: Ephesians 2:14-18