

**The Spiritual Life in Christ**  
June 18, 2023 – Ephesians 2:11-13  
**The Foundation for Gratitude**

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We are no longer living in a state of hopelessness. (Verse 12)

— We were without Christ – no Savior, no divine purpose, no destiny.

— We were not part of God’s chosen people. We were aliens without a voice.

— We had no part in God’s promises, covenant to Israel or His Kingdom.

— We were utterly without hope.

— We were living without God. No knowledge, faith, or relationship with God.

We are no longer at an arms distance from God. (Verse 13)

The question is why did God do this for us?

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**Hear the Word**

1. What is this passage telling me about who God is (His character, actions, attributes, Word)?
2. What themes do I see here, and how do any of those connect with what I am currently facing?
3. What actions are being celebrated?
4. What is the main purpose of this passage, and does it bring other passages to mind?
5. How does this passage point me to Jesus, and help me to see the gospel more clearly?

**Do the Word**

1. How do my actions, thoughts, words or emotions need to change in light of this passage?
2. What evidence of God’s work in my life do I need to thank and praise Him for?
3. How does my prayer life need to change as a result of this?
4. Do I see any other way that this should impact my worship of God?

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