

What Am I Doing Here? Part 7

“Remember... But Now in Christ Jesus...”

Reference: **Ephesians 2:11-13**

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Exposition:

verse eleven (see screen)

The word “*Therefore*” means **for that** _____.

In the previous verses, the Apostle Paul reminds us that God is “*rich in _____*”, that “*He _____ us even when we were dead*”, that He “*made us _____ together with Christ*”, He plans to “*show the exceeding riches of His _____*”, it was _____ that saved us and “*we are His _____, created in Christ Jesus for good works.*”

A Gentile is anyone who is **not** _____.

References: **Genesis 12:7; Acts 14:1** (see screen)

Five reasons Gentiles were considered outcasts for thousands of years:

- They were **without** _____ and therefore had no destiny.
- They were _____ from the commonwealth of Israel.
- Gentiles were not a part of the _____ **promises** made by God.
- Because they had no promises from God **they had no** _____.
- Gentiles had many gods but by choice _____ the one true **God**.

Circumcision is made in the flesh by hands and holds _____ **spiritual significance**.

Reference: **Galatians 5:6** (see screen)

Jesus came for both the Jews and the _____.

verse twelve (see screen)

Reference: **John 15:5** (see screen)

Paul drives home the point that they should remember at one time they were not members of God's family; they were _____.

Reference: **Mark 4:11** (see screen)

Stranger means to be someone who **does not** _____ or with whom one is not familiar.

These Ephesians at one time were strangers or _____ to the covenants of promise. A covenant is similar to a _____.

At one time these Ephesians were not entitled to the _____ accruing to those in the community of God's people.

These Ephesians were at one time, such as each of us were at one time, were those who had **no** _____ and were **without** _____ in the world.

Two Basic Types of Hope:

- Worldly hope or secular hope is a _____ hope.
Reference: **1 Timothy 6:17** (see screen)
- The biblical definition of hope is having _____ in receiving the promises God has made.
Reference: **Hebrews 6:19** (see screen)

Paul wants them to remember these facts not to feel bad about where they come from but as a matter of _____. Paul is saying remember what it was like to be a _____.

verse thirteen (see screen)

But now in Christ Jesus" ...

- Believers are no longer separate from Christ but are "____-_____."

References: **Galatians 3:26-28; Mark 8:34; 1 Corinthians 12:13; John 19:30** (see screen)

- "*You who once were far off have been brought _____ by the blood of Christ*"

Reference: **John 10:28-30** (see screen)

Principle (v.11,13): _____ your life **before Christ**, but _____ your life **in-Christ**.

Application: We all need to _____ our testimonies **and** we need to _____ them.

References: **Matthew 10:32; Acts 26:1-29** (NLT) (see screen)