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"GIFT OF GOD" continued

(Ephesians 2:11 - 22)

(1) "Remember" - it would be good if all of us would stop, look up, say "Thank You!"

"you, once Gentiles in the flesh" - been a change from the past to the present.

"called Un-circumcision" - circumcision was a covenant sign (Genesis 17:10).

(v12) "that at that time you" - it was not the best situation or condition.

"you were without Christ" - separate, shut out, no connection with Christ.

"being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel" - (Genesis 17:7,-9; Deut. 29:12)

"and strangers from the covenants of promise" - outside of God's covenants and the promise that goes with them. (Genesis 12:2-3)

"having no hope" - in the prior era or age, the Gentiles were excluded from the covenant of promise and blessing. Not offered a message of hope from God.

"and without God in the world" - Wow! No beneficial relationship with God.

(v13) "But now in Christ Jesus" - hearing, believing, and obeying the gospel message, all of that changed. (1:3 - 14) gives of list of spiritual blessing "in Him."

"Now in Christ Jesus" there's more to remember.

"once were afar off have been brought near" - Peter preached it: (Acts 2:38-39).

(v14) "He Himself is our peace, who has made both one" - (Galatians 3:26-29)

"broken down the middle wall of separation" - really, all the walls and curtains of the temple. A separate "court of the Gentiles" is now gone.

(v15) "abolished in His flesh the enmity" - (Colossians 2:14) "out of the way"

"to create in Himself one new man" - everyone comes to Christ in the same manner.

(v16) "that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity" - .now, all together, united, one.

(v17) "preached peace to you who were afar and to those who were near"  
The Jew and Gentile converts must come together in peace.

(v18) "through Him we both" - we are children in the family, God is the Father.

(v19) "you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and members of the household of God" - act like it!

(v22) "being built together for a dwelling place of God"