

## **Without God in the world**

**Eph. 2:11-18**

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### **Introduction**

This sermon is Part 2, continuing from “but God”

The progression is to establish the need, then share the benefit

Remember that without God’s kindness, love, and grace, we were stranded in the world, strangled, suffocated by the surrounding sin.

In 2:11-12, this is described as “Christ-less, state-less, friendless, hopeless, godless”

### **2:13-18**

We start with God: sovereign, reliable, dependable, and consistent

But now in Christ: we are in fellowship, near through Christ’s blood

Paul notes three contrary forces or problems

- A barrier based on worldly considerations of ethnicity kept people apart
  - Interesting allusion to Acts 21, barrier, accusation against Paul re: Trophimus, cf. Eph 4:17-20
- The law kept people from God
- Enmity or hostility was present instead of peace

### **2:17-22**

God’s action and the result

- Peace was possible
- Access to God was granted by the Spirit
- Foreigners and strangers become citizens together
- God’s household/family
- With secure foundations
- As a holy temple, carefully constructed
- The dwelling of God through the Spirit