A World Without Christ

Ephesians 2:11-13*

Having completed his discussion of Christ-followers as God's workmanship (vv. 1–10), Paul began this section with the strongest inferential particle (dio, therefore) to alert the Ephesians to the unenviable position of having no relationship with God. Paul commanded them to remember that formerly, before their conversions, they were Gentiles by birth, separated and alienated from God and His people. A great social and spiritual boundary existed between them. We are called upon to 'remember' what we once were, and to grasp what Jesus Christ has done to remedy our alienation.

Remember what we once were (11-12)

We were alienated socially (11)

We	were alienate	d spiritually	(12)	-the	dreadful	' fivefola	' description
----	---------------	---------------	------	------	----------	------------	---------------

- 1) We were <u>C</u>
- 3) We were F
- 4) We were H
- 5) We were <u>G_______</u>

Remember what Christ has done for us (13)

He has reconciled us socially (13a)

He has reconciled us spiritually (13b)

^{*} These notes are prayerfully provided to aid, not replace, your personal study of God's Word.