

Alienation Reconciled in Christ: The New Humanity

Ephesians 2:11-18

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What is an alien, a foreigner?

What is the central message in Ephesians?

Believers begin to live the life of the age to come.

Gentiles in the Flesh v 11

Why were they called “uncircumcision,” what did that mean?

How should covenant members treat those outside the covenant?

Circumcision points to a spiritual reality, it is not the spiritual reality itself.

Gentile Alienation v 12

Christless (Hendriksen)

Stateless

Friendless

Hopeless

Godless

What Christ has done about our Alienation. V 13-15

God has abolished what separated us, created a new community, and is reconciling all things through this new community.

Alienation to the Jews Abolishing the Ceremonial Law

1) The Separation of the Ceremonial Law

2) The Condemnation of the Moral Law.

Alienation from God v 16

The new humanity

This reconciling Grace is preached to all, far and near. V 17

Peace with God

Peace with man, part of the new humanity

In Christ, we have access, in One Spirit, to the Father. V 18

Do you realize your privilege?

Human distinctions are overcome by the new community.