

# SIT AS HIS CHOSEN

## Why worry about that which falls on God?

Luke 12:22 Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? <sup>26</sup> Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?”  
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Ephesians 2:11-22 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)— <sup>12</sup> remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

This is in the format of a testimony:

Eph 2:11-13 How we (Gentiles) were

Eph 2:14-18 What happened to us

Eph 2:19-22 How we are now

As summed up in verse 2:13:

We were far away, but  
in Christ Jesus and by his blood  
we have been brought near!

### HOW WE WERE

Separated from Christ (Eph 2:12)

Excluded from citizenship (Eph 2:12)

Foreigners to the covenants of the promise (Eph 2:12) →

Without hope (Eph 2:12)

Without God (Eph 2:12)

Apart/far from God (Eph 2:13)

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### HOW WE ARE NOW

Members of his household (Eph 2:19)

Citizens (Eph 2:19)

No longer foreigners (Eph 2:19)

A place where God lives (Eph 2:21-22)

Close to God (Eph 2:13)



## What happened to bring change?

### God did stuff!

- He does the work
  - Ephesians 2:11 [The Gentiles] call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands).
  - Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
- He is our peace.
- He made the two groups one.
- He destroyed the barrier.
- He set aside the law.
- He reconciled us through the cross.
- He put to death their hostility (between Jews and Gentiles)
- He preached peace.
- Through him we have access to the Father by the Spirit.

**When we consider the significant change that has taken place in us, it is good to ask, what just happened?**

**Now, I must sit (rest) in that change.**

*“But how can I be sure that I am ‘in Christ’? I can be sure because the Bible affirms that it is so, and that it was God who put me there...It is something accomplished by Him in His sovereign wisdom to be seen, believed, accepted, and rejoice in by us.” – Watchman Nee*

*“Christian experience proceeds as it began, not on the basis of our own work, but always on that of the finished work of Another.” – Watchman Nee*

