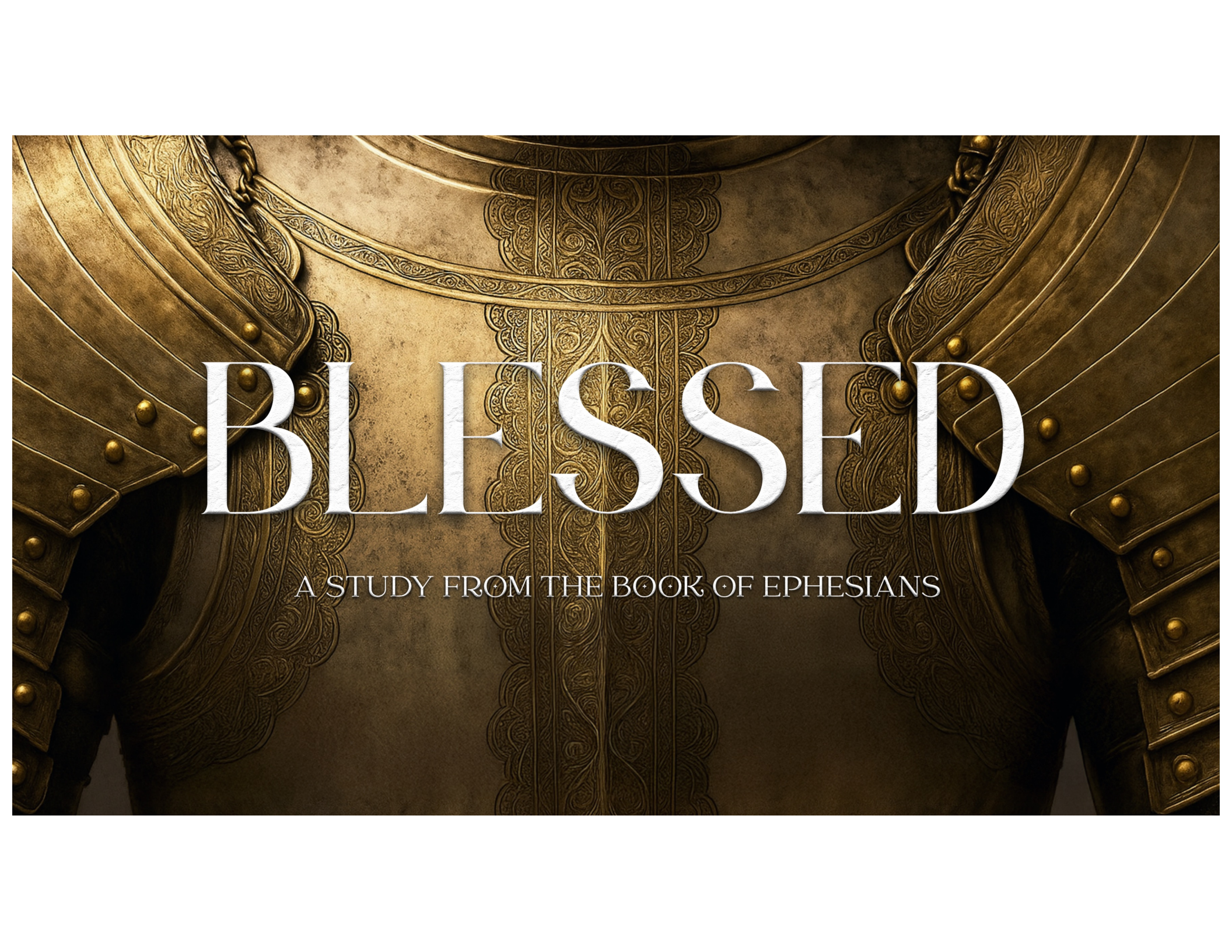




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Ephesians 2: 11-13

¹¹ 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)—

¹² 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. ¹³ BUT NOW IN CHRIST JESUS YOU WHO ONCE WERE FAR AWAY HAVE BEEN BROUGHT NEAR BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

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1. Paul Directs Them To Remember

Ephesians 2:11

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1. Paul Directs Them to Remember
2. Paul **Describes** Their Former Condition

Ephesians 2:12

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.

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Five Things About Their Former Condition:

1. Without Christ
2. Without Citizenship
3. Without Covenants
4. Without Hope
5. Without God

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1. Paul Directs Them to Remember
2. Paul Describes Their Former Condition
3. **Paul Declares Their New Life in Christ**

Ephesians 2:13

BUT NOW IN CHRIST JESUS YOU WHO ONCE WERE FAR AWAY
HAVE BEEN BROUGHT NEAR BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

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3. Paul Declares Their New Life in Christ

John 13: 8-10

⁸ "NO," SAID PETER, "YOU SHALL NEVER WASH MY FEET." JESUS ANSWERED, "UNLESS I WASH YOU, YOU HAVE NO PART WITH ME."

⁹ "THEN, LORD," SIMON PETER REPLIED, "NOT JUST MY FEET BUT MY HANDS AND MY HEAD AS WELL!" ¹⁰ JESUS ANSWERED, "THOSE WHO HAVE HAD A BATH NEED ONLY TO WASH THEIR FEET; THEIR WHOLE BODY IS CLEAN. AND YOU ARE CLEAN, THOUGH NOT EVERY ONE OF YOU."

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An Old Life Versus A New Life

OLD POSITION		NEW POSITION	
FAR AWAY "WITHOUT CHRIST"		NEAR "WITH CHRIST"	
Ephesians 2:13 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.			
SEPARATE "ALIENS"		INCLUDED "A HOLY NATION"	
1 Peter 2:9 9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.			
UNKNOWN "STRANGERS"		KNOWN "NO LONGER STRANGERS"	
Ephesians 2:19 19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,			
HOPELESS "NO HOPE"		HOPE "CALLED IN ONE HOPE"	
Ephesians 4:4 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;			
NO GOD "WITHOUT GOD"		ONE WITH GOD "OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST"	
Ephesians 2:12 12 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.		Ephesians 2:13 & 1:3 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.	

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