Alienated With No Hope

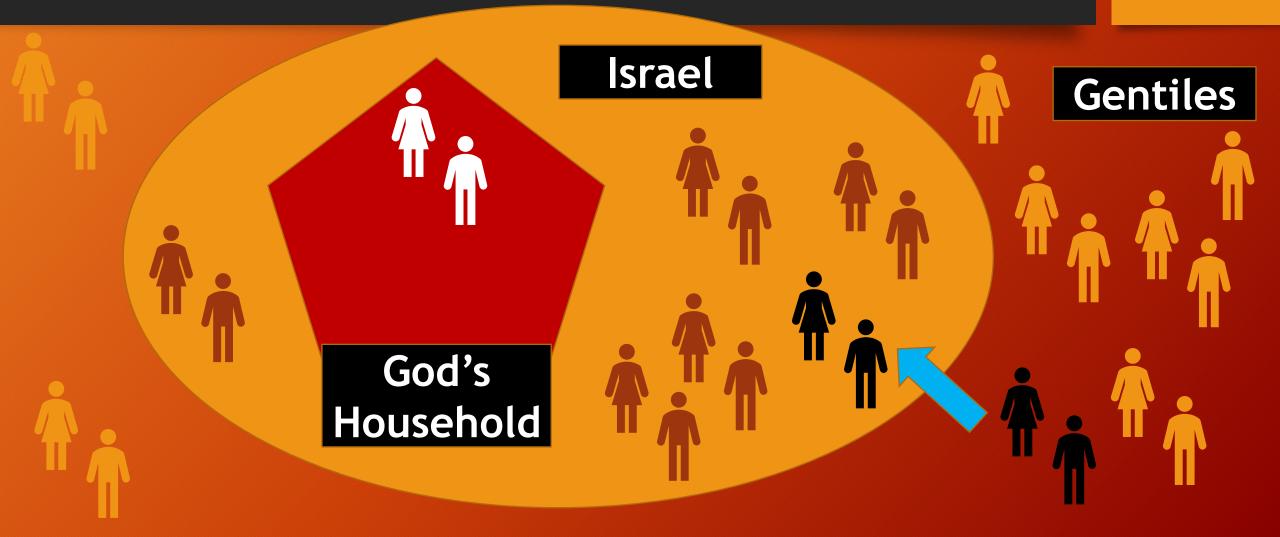
Ephesians 2:11-12 Message

Remember that before coming to Christ, you were alienated both from God and from the people of God.

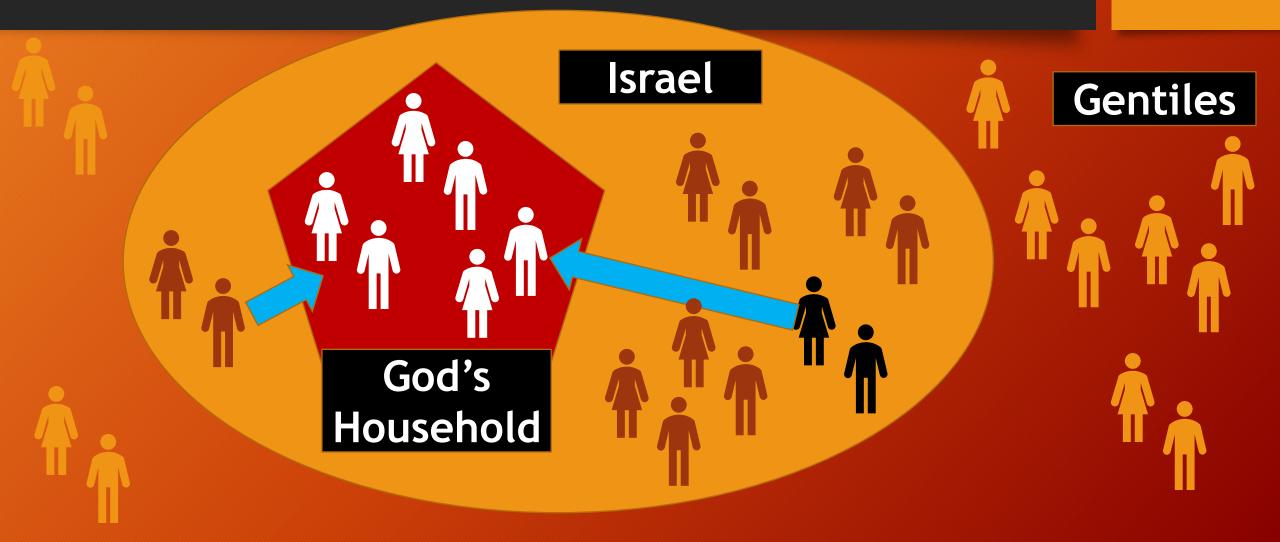
God's People - Israel



God's People - Israel (Gentile Converts)



God's People - Israel (Salvation by faith)



Outline - Ephesians 2

Paul reflects on two profound changes that happened to believers:

The change to the believer's individual status (2:1-10). The change to the believer's <u>corporate status</u> (2:11-22).

By lack of spiritual privilege Gentiles were separate from Christ (2:11-12).

Surrounded by spiritual privileges God gave Israel

Benefits to a person in Israel

Israel was a vital part of God's plan for redemption and restoration

Believing Israelites were the only assembly of God's people

Created to abound in good works (Eph 2:10)

Remember your former corporate status (11a)
Remember how you were alienated from God's covenant people (11b)
Remember how you lacked hope, being alienated from God (12)

Five privileges Gentiles lacked

The Messiah

Citizenship in Israel

The covenants of the promise

Hope

God

"Hope"



 The expectation that God will fulfill His promises

- Trusts that:
 - God is faithful
 - God will fulfill His promises

• Hope of: Messiah, salvation, resurrection, eternal life, etc.