

# Ephesians 2:12

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

## Analysis

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**[Verse 2:12 text would be quoted here]** This verse in Ephesians chapter 2 addresses theological theme. Key Greek terms include to be determined.

The theological focus is doctrinal emphasis, demonstrating Paul's emphasis on the cosmic Christ and the church as His body/bride/temple. The phrase emphasizes union with Christ as the foundation of all spiritual blessings.

## Historical Context

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Written during Paul's Roman imprisonment (60-62 CE), this verse in chapter 2 reflects the circular letter's purpose to multiple Asian churches. Ephesus was a major center of pagan worship (Artemis cult) and early Christianity, making Paul's teachings on spiritual warfare and Christian unity particularly relevant.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does the truth of Ephesians 2:12 about verse-specific transform your daily walk with Christ?
2. What does this verse teach about theological theme that challenges modern Christian practice?
3. How can you apply the theological principle of doctrinal emphasis in your relationships and witness?

## Interlinear Text

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ὅτι ἦτε ἐν τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ χωρὶς Χριστοῦ  
That ye were at time that without Christ  
G3754 G2258 G1722 G3588 G2540 G1565 G5565 G5547

ἀπηλλοτριωμένοι τῆς πολιτείας τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ καὶ  
being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and  
G526 G3588 G4174 G3588 G2474 G2532

ξένοι τῷ διαθηκῶν τῆς ἐπαγγελίας ἐλπίδα μὴ  
strangers G3588 from the covenants G1242 G3588 G1860 G1680 G3361

ἔχοντες καὶ ἄθεοι ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ  
having and without God at the world  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Galatians 4:8** (References God): Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

**Colossians 1:21** (Parallel theme): And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

**1 Peter 1:3** (Hope): Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

**Ephesians 4:18** (References God): Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:

**1 Thessalonians 4:13** (Hope): But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

**Ezekiel 37:26** (Covenant): Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

**1 Thessalonians 4:5** (References God): Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

**John 15:5** (Parallel theme): I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

**Hebrews 6:18** (Hope): That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us:

**Acts 3:25** (Covenant): Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.