

**Study Question** (Optional – time and desire allowing)

Read the passages below containing a few of God's primary covenants with Israel. Identify (1) the specific promises that God made, (2) how Christ will be involved in their fulfillment, and (3) what part we who are Gentiles get to enjoy.

**Abrahamic Covenant**

Genesis 12:1-3; 15; 17:1-8

**Mosaic Covenant**

Exodus 19:5-8; Leviticus 26

**Davidic Covenant**

2 Samuel 7:8-17; 1 Chronicles 17:1-15

**New Covenant**

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Cf. Hebrews 8-10)

**Memorization Challenge Reminder**

For those of you who have committed to memorizing the book of Ephesians, this is just a friendly reminder to keep at it!



***Rumors of Peace***  
***Ephesians 2:11-13***

**Looking Closer at the Passage**

**11-12** Were the Jews right in their disdain for those nations that had rejected God, His covenants, and His laws?

Are there groups that we "label" today in a way similar to how the Jews labeled the Gentiles as the "Uncircumcision?" Who are they, and what should we do about it?

Why does Paul want the Gentiles to remember how separated from God they were? What similar advantage is there for us today?

**13** How does Christ function as a bridge between the Gentile world and the promises given to the Jews?

Which of the benefits of being brought near to God that Ben mentioned in his sermon were you most encouraged by?

What can you do personally or with your family this Christmas season to stop and remember how far from God you were before the intervention of God?

➤ Never \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_  
you came (11-12)

Gentiles were \_\_\_\_\_ by Jews

1. We were \_\_\_\_\_

2. We were \_\_\_\_\_

3. We were \_\_\_\_\_

4. We were \_\_\_\_\_

5. We were \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Always \_\_\_\_\_ your position of \_\_\_\_\_  
(13a)

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_

2. We are \_\_\_\_\_

3. We are \_\_\_\_\_

4. We have \_\_\_\_\_

5. We have \_\_\_\_\_

➤ Only Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ will bring  
\_\_\_\_\_ on earth (13b)

**Notes:**