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IDENTITY... Identity Realized

Ephesians 2:11- 3:21

How would you describe yourself in your family? Who did you get along with? Who couldn't you stand to be around?

Cut off is real for many of us. Maybe we have not talked with a friend or family member in years.

Have you ever felt like you did not belong? Left out of something that you should be a part of? It is called **alienation**.

Alienation - the state or experience of being isolated from a group or an activity to which one should belong or be involved; **a problematic separation between a self and other that properly belong together.**

Alienation in our **past**

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— **remember** that you were at that time **separated** from Christ, **alienated** from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having **no hope** and **without God** in the world. Ephesians 2:11-12

And you, who once were **alienated** and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, Colossians 1:21

They are darkened in their understanding, **alienated** from the life of God because of the **ignorance** that is in them, due to their **hardness of heart**. Ephesians 4:18

Reconciliation in our **present**

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were **far off** have been brought near **by the blood of Christ**. For **he himself is our peace**, who has **made us both one** and has broken down in his flesh the **dividing wall of hostility** by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself **one new man in place of the two**, so making **peace**, and might **reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross**, thereby killing the **hostility**. And he came and preached **peace** to you who were far off and **peace** to those who

were near. **For through him we both have access** in one Spirit to the Father. Ephesians 2:13-18

(the **trinity** is seen in this last part, him, spirit, father – Father, Son, Holy Spirit)

No longer at **war** with God ... we are at **peace**.

For if while we were enemies **we were reconciled to God** by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Romans 5:10

All this is from God, who through Christ **reconciled** us to himself and gave us the ministry of **reconciliation**; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of **reconciliation**.

2 Corinthians 5:18–19

We need to realize who we are and what we are reconciled to ...

To **realize** who you are is to **become fully aware**, as a matter of fact, to understand clearly.

Identity is more than you; it is about what you are a part of, what you belong to.

A new **relationship**

So then you are no longer **strangers** and **aliens**, but you are **fellow citizens** with the **saints** and **members of the household of God**, Ephesians 2:19

A new **place**

built on the **foundation** of the apostles and prophets, **Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone**, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. **In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit**. Ephesians 2:20-22

A new **message**

For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for you, how **the mystery** was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. When you read this, you can perceive my insight into **the mystery of Christ**, which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been **revealed** to his holy apostles and prophets **by the Spirit**. **This**

mystery is that the **Gentiles are fellow heirs**, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in **Christ Jesus through the gospel**. Of this **gospel** I was made a minister according to the **gift of God's grace**, which was given me by the working of his power. To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, **to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ**, and **to bring to light for everyone** what is **the plan** of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, Ephesians 3:1-9

Therefore, **we are ambassadors for Christ**, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized **in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him**. So I ask you **not to lose heart over what I am suffering** for you, which is your glory.

Ephesians 3:10-13

A new **power**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you **to be strengthened with power** through his Spirit in your inner being, **so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith** — Ephesians 3:14-17a

A new **love**

that you, being **rooted and grounded in love**, may have **strength to comprehend with all the saints** what is the **breadth and length and height and depth**, and to **know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge**, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:17b-19

... until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, **to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**,

Ephesians 4:13

For in him the whole **fullness of deity dwells** bodily, and **you have been filled in him**, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Colossians 2:9-10

A new **hope**

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

If you are going to **realize your true identity**, then you must ...

- **Stop** fighting with **God**.
- **Stop** fighting with **each other**.
- **Start living** into your **true identity realized**.

He is the way maker; He has made a way; He himself is the Way!