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Ephesians 2:11-13 NKJV

11Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—

12that at that time you 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.

13But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

# Ephesians 2:19 NKJV

# 19Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

# James 2:23 NKJV

# 23And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God.

# Isaiah 41:8-13 NKJV

# 8“But you, Israel, *are* My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, The descendants of Abraham My friend. 9*You* whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, And called from its farthest regions, And said to you, ‘You *are* My servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you away: 10Fear not, for I *am* with you; Be not dismayed, for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’ 11“Behold, all those who were incensed against you Shall be ashamed and disgraced; They shall be as nothing, And those who strive with you shall perish.

# 12You shall seek them and not find them— Those who contended with you. Those who war against you Shall be as nothing, As a nonexistent thing. 13For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, Saying to you, ‘Fear not, I will help you.’

# John 6:51 NKJV

# 51I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

# *Why did Jesus say what He did? Eating of Christ simply means that we must accept by faith what Jesus has done for us and live by obedience to Him so that the penalty will not have to be paid again.*

# Romans 3:23-26 NKJV

# 23for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

# 24being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

# 25whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

# 26to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

# *Grace is the unmerited love and favor of God to man.*

# Matthew 26:36-46 NKJV

# 36Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, “Sit here while I go and pray over there.”

# 37And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed.

# 38Then He said to them, “My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me.”

# 39He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You *will.*”

# 40Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, “What! Could you not watch with Me one hour?

# 41Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.”

# 42Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, “O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done.”

# 43And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy.

# 44So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

# 45Then He came to His disciples and said to them, “Are *you* still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners.

# 46Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.”