

Before ...

- Without Christ
- Aliens
- Strangers
- No hope
- Without God

Now ...

brought near by the blood of Christ

Called to the praise of the glory of His grace!

1) Paul calls us to remember where we have been and where we are now, 2:11-13.

2) Paul calls us to reconciliation in view of the work of the cross of Jesus Christ, 2:14-18.

3) Paul calls us to our new citizenship and our status as members in the household of God, 2:19-22.

Own the Splendor of Your Life ...

Because of the work of Christ for you and in you, you are now a revelation of God's splendor, His image bearer. You are not simply an object of God's forgiveness and tolerance, which is what most people believe about their lives. No, there is a brilliance, a magnificence to your life that you are to take responsibility for: the splendor of your life— not simply what has been taken away, but what has been given to you. C.S. Lewis said, "Redeemed humanity is to be something more glorious than unfallen humanity."

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... to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved (Ephesians 1:6).

... that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory (Ephesians 1:12).

... who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory (Ephesians 1:14).