SERMON NOTES AUG. 6, 2023

Sermon: Inclusion
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Text: Ephesians 2:11-13 (ESV)

¹¹ 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— ¹² 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. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

INTRODUCTION

- 1. Remember that you were **Excluded**, vv.11-12.
 - A. Excluded Horizontally:
 - *Socially
 - *Physically
 - *Nationally
 - B. Excluded Vertically:

- *No hope
- *No relationship

- 2. Remember that you are Included, v.13.
 - *Circumcised our hearts
 - *Mended our <u>human</u> relationships
 - *Reconciled our souls
 - *Provided our access