

A New Identity Ephesians 2:11-22

Paul addresses issues that had arisen between _____ and _____ believers in the Ephesian church.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ISRAEL:

- The Flood
- The Tower of Babel
- Multiple generations pass, God becomes unknown

In Genesis chapter 12, we have the story of God _____ a man named _____.

- God makes a covenant with Abram (Genesis 12:1-3)

Verse 3 of Genesis 12 is an _____ promise.

- "Abram" becomes "Abraham" ("father of a multitude")
- Abraham takes two wives (Sarah & Hagar)

Abraham and his wife Sarah had a son who inherited the promises God made to Abraham. That son was _____.

God invents circumcision as a way to _____ His chosen people.

Deuteronomy 7:7-8 >>>
God chose Israel because they were _____!

Israel's Purpose:
"And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."
- Exodus 19:6

Our Purpose:
...a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light... - 1 Peter 2:9

It's too easy for us to be just like Israel and trade _____ for _____.

Colossians 2:11-12 >>>
God has moved the identifying mark of being a believer from the _____ to the _____.

Romans 11:16-21 >>>
God reminds us that we have been "grafted in" to Israel.

V.12:
Specific promises (e.g. Exodus 3:8)
vs.
Eternal promises (e.g. Jeremiah 29:11-13, Joshua 1:9)

V.13:
The Blood / Communion (1 Corinthians 11:23-25)

VV.14-18:
Jesus is our new _____.

Your identity is no longer tied to the blood that flows through your veins... it's tied to the blood that flowed _____.

VV.19-22:
We are all equal _____.