

 "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? - James 4:1

I. PAUL REMINDED THE GENTILE BELIEVERS IN EPHESUS OF THEIR FORMER CONDITION

- WITHOUT CHRIST...
- WITHOUT CITIZENSHIP...
- WITHOUT COVENANTS...
- WITHOUT HOPE...
- WITHOUT GOD...

• Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest (Jesus) had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time He waits for His enemies to be made His footstool. For by one sacrifice, He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.'... Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus... let us draw near to God. - Hebrews 10:11-14, 19 & 22a

 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. - Hebrews 4:16

• I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. - Galatians 2:20

• "you have been **brought near** by the blood of Christ..."