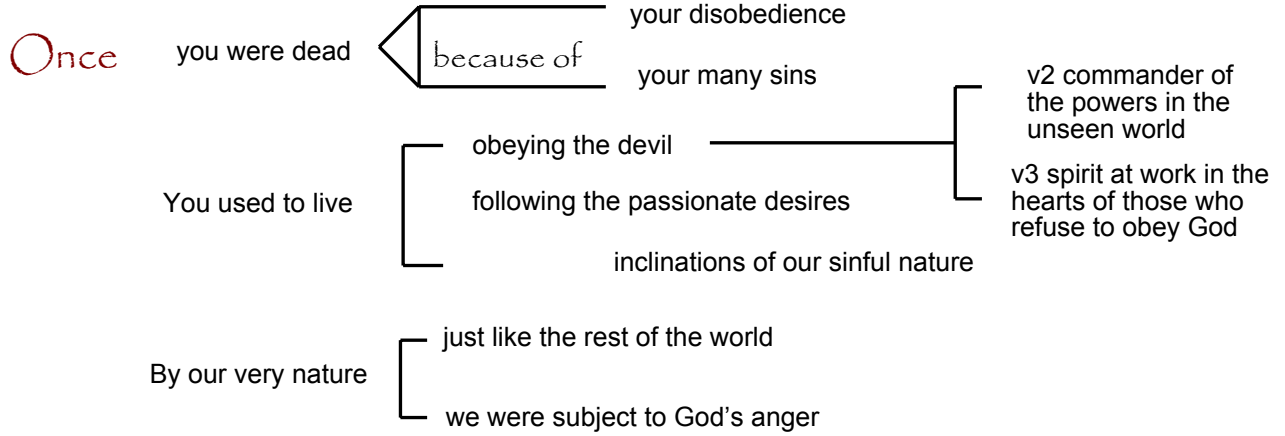


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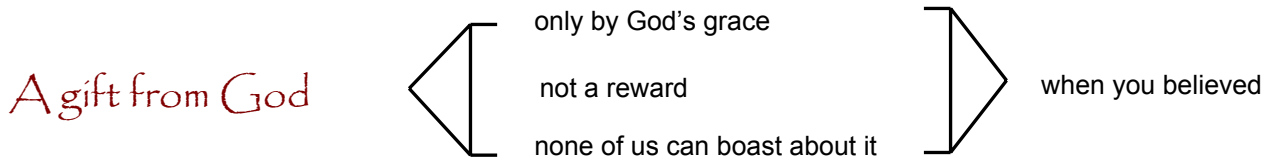
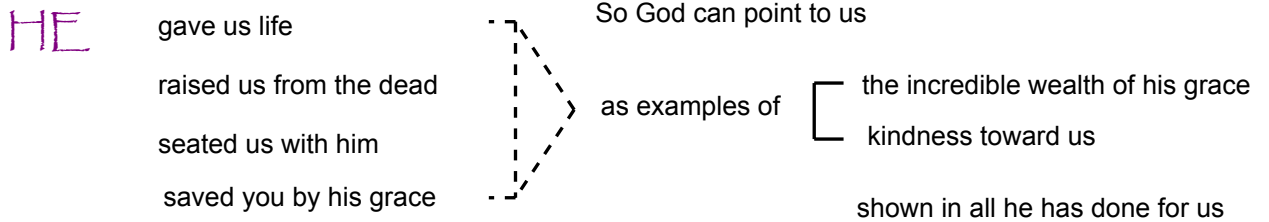
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12 In those days you were living **apart from Christ  
excluded from citizenship  
and you did not know the covenant promises God had made  
in this world without God  
without hope**

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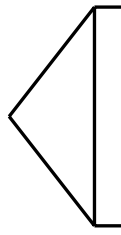
But God rich in mercy loved us so much **that**



He has created us anew We are God's masterpiece  
in Christ Jesus

## 13 But now

through the blood of Christ



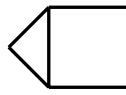
you have been united with Christ Jesus  
you have been brought near  
Christ himself has brought peace to us  
he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us  
ended the system of law with its commandments and regulations

He brought this Good News of peace to you

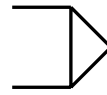


Gentiles who were far away from him  
Jews who were near

Now all of us

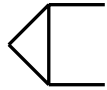


can come to the Father  
through the same Holy Spirit



because of what Christ  
has done for us

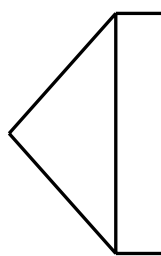
Gentiles are no  
longer strangers  
and foreigners



citizens along with all of God's holy people  
You are members of God's family

## Together

we are his house



built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets  
the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself  
We are carefully joined together in him  
becoming a holy temple for the Lord  
being made part of this dwelling

where God lives by his Spirit

## So We

can do the good things he planned for us long ago