

A painting of a still life scene. In the foreground, a dark purple wooden table holds a large, textured, light-colored vase. The background is a textured wall with vertical stripes of green, yellow, and blue. The overall style is impressionistic with visible brushstrokes.

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Part 3. Enlightenment of the Eyes of the Heart

Ephesians 2:11-22



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Hundreds gather for Nov. 10 Diversity Mass celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares at St. Agnes Parish. (J.D. Long-Garcia/CATHOLIC SUN)

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At least 3.7 million people, including world leaders, marched in an anti-terrorism rally in Paris on Sunday, the French Mission to the United Nations said, calling the massive gathering the largest in France's history.

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hundreds of students of varying religions gathered outside of the chapel on **Duke University's** campus Friday to take part in an Islamic call to prayer — in support of the school's Muslim population, which had been **offered then denied** the opportunity to broadcast the call from the chapel's bell tower.

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*Bishop Braxton Writes a Letter
on Racial Divide in the USA.*

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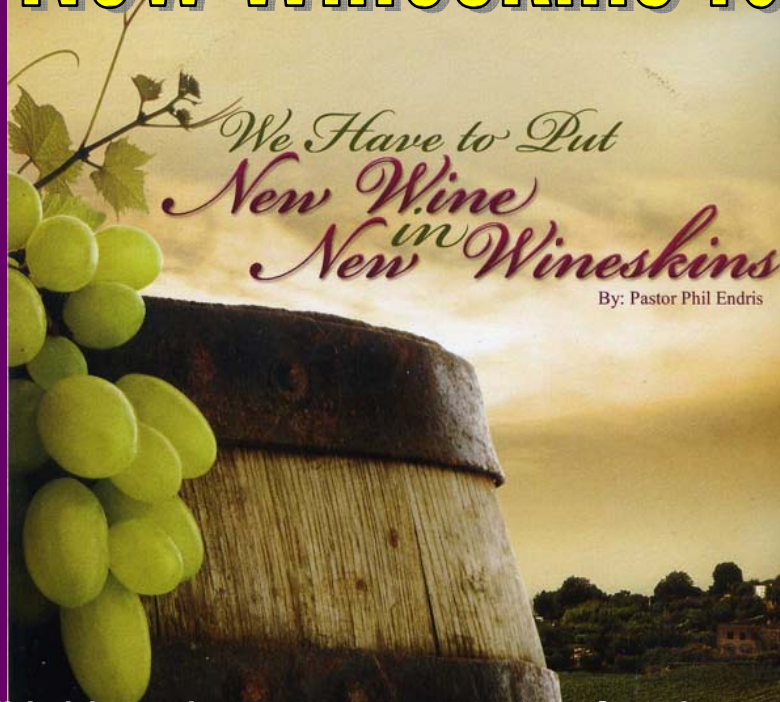


Celebrating "Ethnic Diversity"



in Christ & His Church

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“Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.” Matthew 9:17



1. Remember when you were
gentiles.

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1. Remember when you were gentiles.

gen·tile

/ˈjɛntīl/ ◀▶

adjective

1. not Jewish.
"Christianity spread from Jewish into Gentile cultures"
2. ANTHROPOLOGY
of, relating to, or indicating a nation or clan, esp. a gens.

noun

1. a person who is not Jewish.

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1. *Remember when you were gentiles.*

- *They lacked any hope in a Messiah.*
- *The coming of Messiah meant the destruction of the Gentiles. (“Psalms of Solomon”)*
- *They suffered a deprivation without the right of the elect.*

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2. *Jesus brought peace to you who were once far away.*

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Enmity is Overcome!

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the divided first century world

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is now called to a harmonious amity



in fellowship with Christ

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in losing their ethnic and racial claims ...

gain something in return ... to be far better

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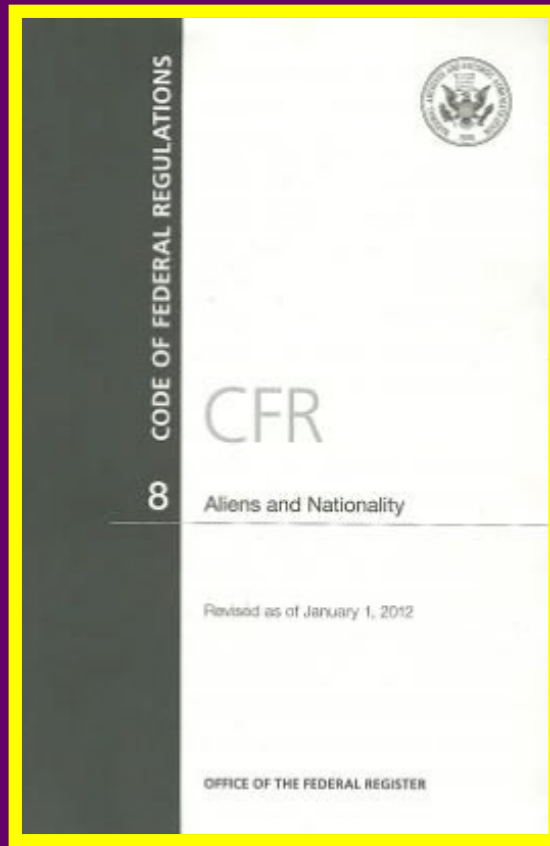
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Aliens vs. Citizen

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In Christ, Israel's Messiah and through his sacrifice on the cross, the non-privileged Gentiles have come to share with Israel in the covenant relationship with God.

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Different
Individuals
Valuing
Each other
Regardless of
Skin
Intellect
Talents or
Years.

Celebrate "DIVERSITY"

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“We believe in the reign of God as the divine will realized in human society, and in the family of God, where we are all brothers and sisters.”

- A Statement of Faith of KMC

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The world we know and live is fallen, divided, suspicious, and full of the possibility and threat of self-destruction.

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The lesson holds out the hope and prospect of a reconciled, unified, and amicable society, whose vitality is seen in the church's worldwide, transnational, and reconciling family.

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PRIMARILY IN
THE HANDS OF
ITS LEADERS.

- BILL HYBELS

Christians - "A Third Race"

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