



EPHESIANS

WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

Being “In Christ”

“that intimate, vital, and spiritual union between Christ and His people, in virtue of which He is the source of their life and strength, of their blessedness and salvation.”

- Systematic Theology, Louis Berkhof

Biblical metaphors of Spiritual Union in Christ

Jesus is the vine and we are the branches (John 15:5)

Jesus is the head and we are His body (1 Cor. 6:15–19)

Jesus is the foundation and we are living stones (1 Peter 2:4–5)

Jesus is the bridegroom and we are His bride (Eph. 5:25–31).

All one “In Christ Jesus”

Galatians 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Circumcision of the Flesh avails nothing:

Galatians 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation.

Romans 2:28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

The Advantage of being a Jew:

Romans 3:1 What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? 2 Much in every way! Chiefly because **to them were committed the oracles of God.**

The Jews' Covenants of Promise:

Genesis 12:2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you
And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. 3 I
will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who
curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be
blessed.”

The Jews' Covenants of Promise:

Jeremiah 31:31 “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah [...] 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

The Despair of the Gentiles:

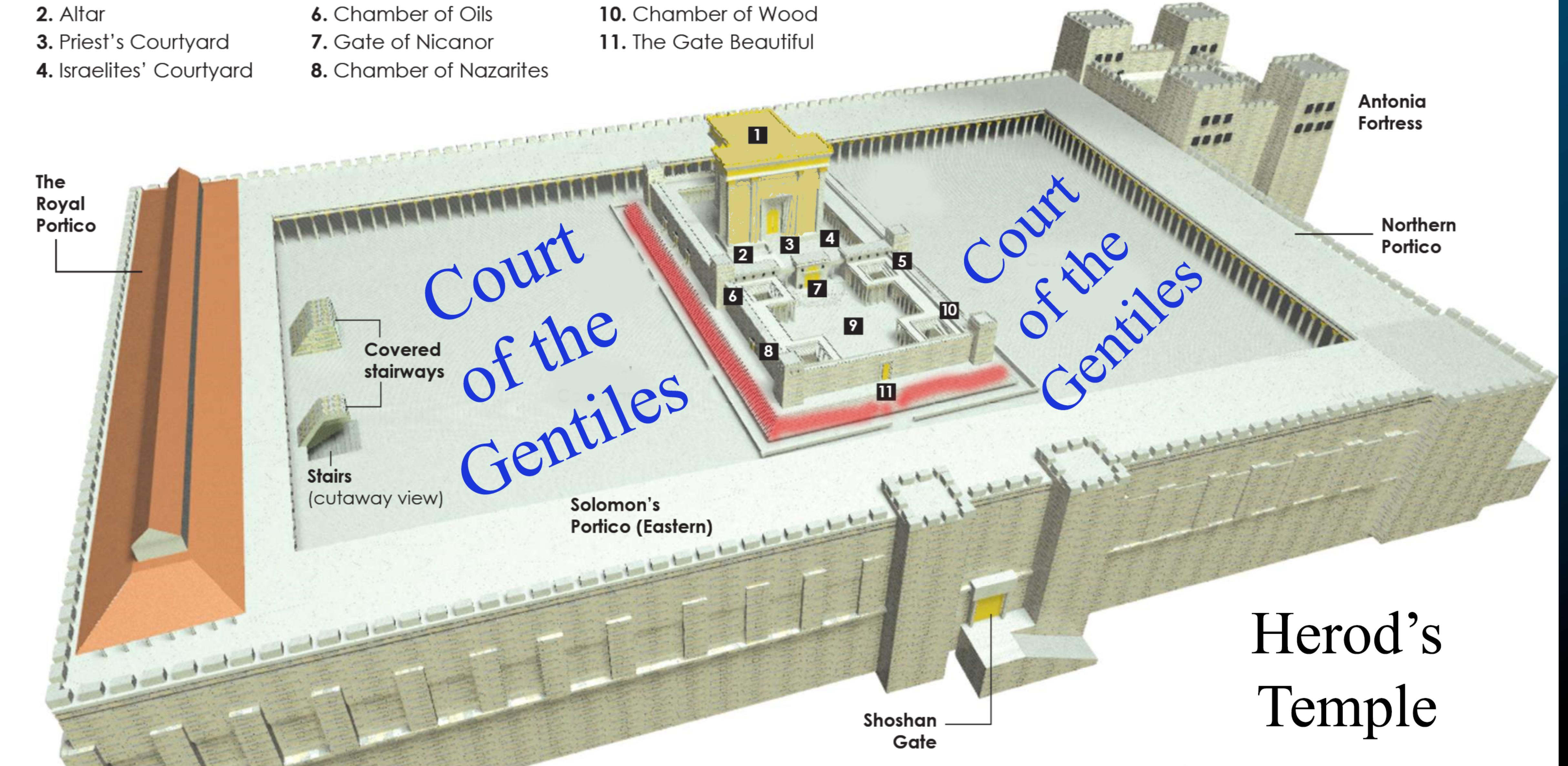
“Unlike Israel they had no expectation of a personal Messiah-Deliverer and the Messianic Age. Without God in their lives The Gentiles were in a desperate situation. They had no meaning, hope, purpose, or direction in life.”

- The Bible Knowledge Commentary

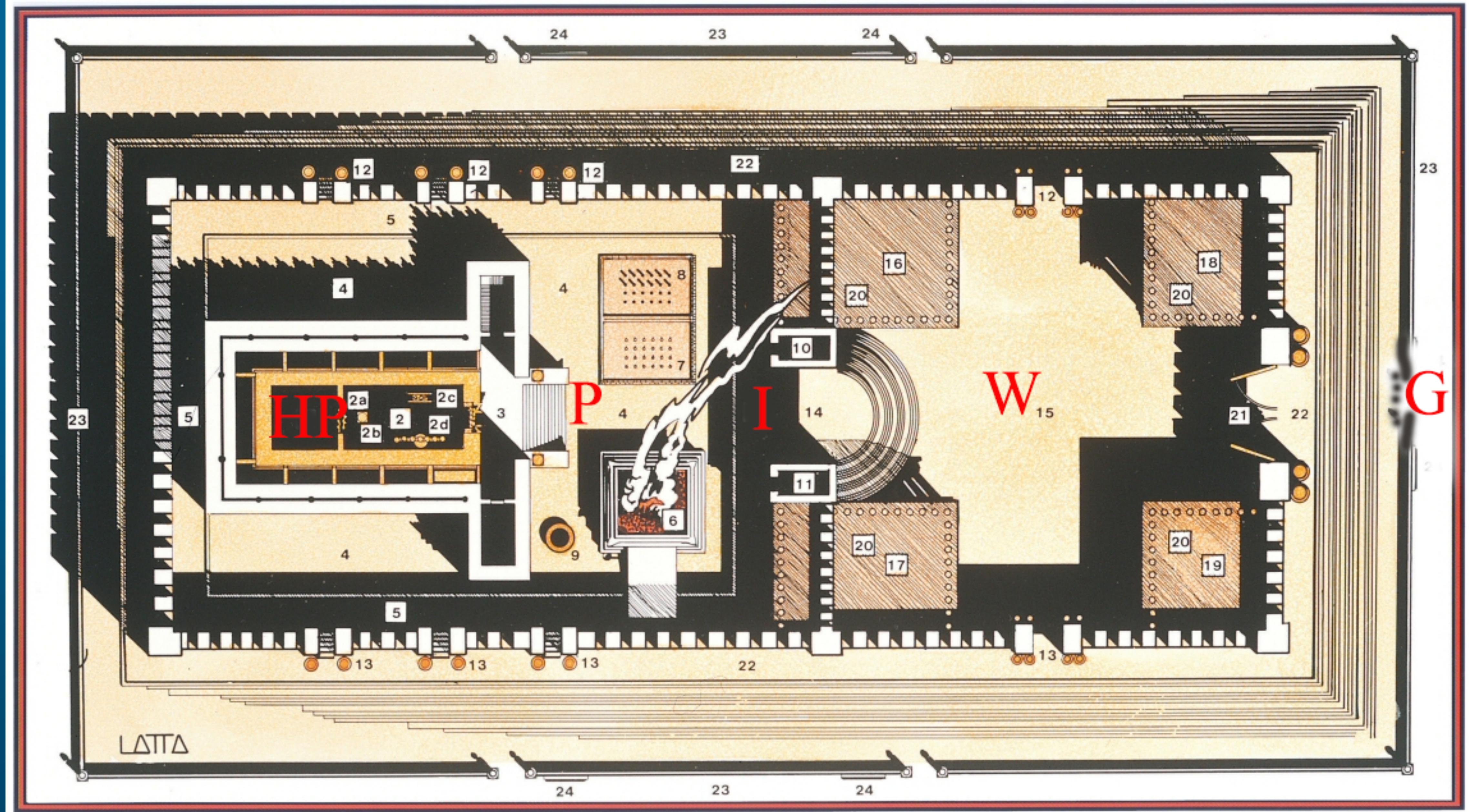
1. Holy Place
2. Altar
3. Priest's Courtyard
4. Israelites' Courtyard

5. Chamber of Lepers
6. Chamber of Oils
7. Gate of Nicanor
8. Chamber of Nazarites

9. Women's Courtyard
10. Chamber of Wood
11. The Gate Beautiful



HP = High Priest, P = Priests, I = Israelites, W = Women, G = Gentiles



Once enemies of God, Now reconciled:

Romans 5:10–11 (NKJV) — 10 For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Peace to those far off / Peace to those that are near:
(Gentiles) / (Jews)

Isaiah 57:19–21 (NKJV) — 19 “I create the fruit of the lips:
Peace, peace to him who is far off and to him who is near,”
Says the LORD, “And I will heal him.” 20 But the wicked
are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose
waters cast up mire and dirt. 21 “There is no peace,” Says
my God, “for the wicked.”

No Jesus, No Peace

Know Jesus, Know Peace

The TRINITY in Ephesians 2:18

For through Him: (Jesus)

We have access by One Spirit: (the Holy Spirit)

To the Father: (God the Father)

“ONENESS”

Vs. 2:15 “One Man”

Vs. 2:16 “One Body”

Vs. 2:18 “One Spirit”

The Foundation of the Apostles and the Prophets:

1 Corinthians 12:27–28 (NKJV) — 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. 28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

We are Living Stones:

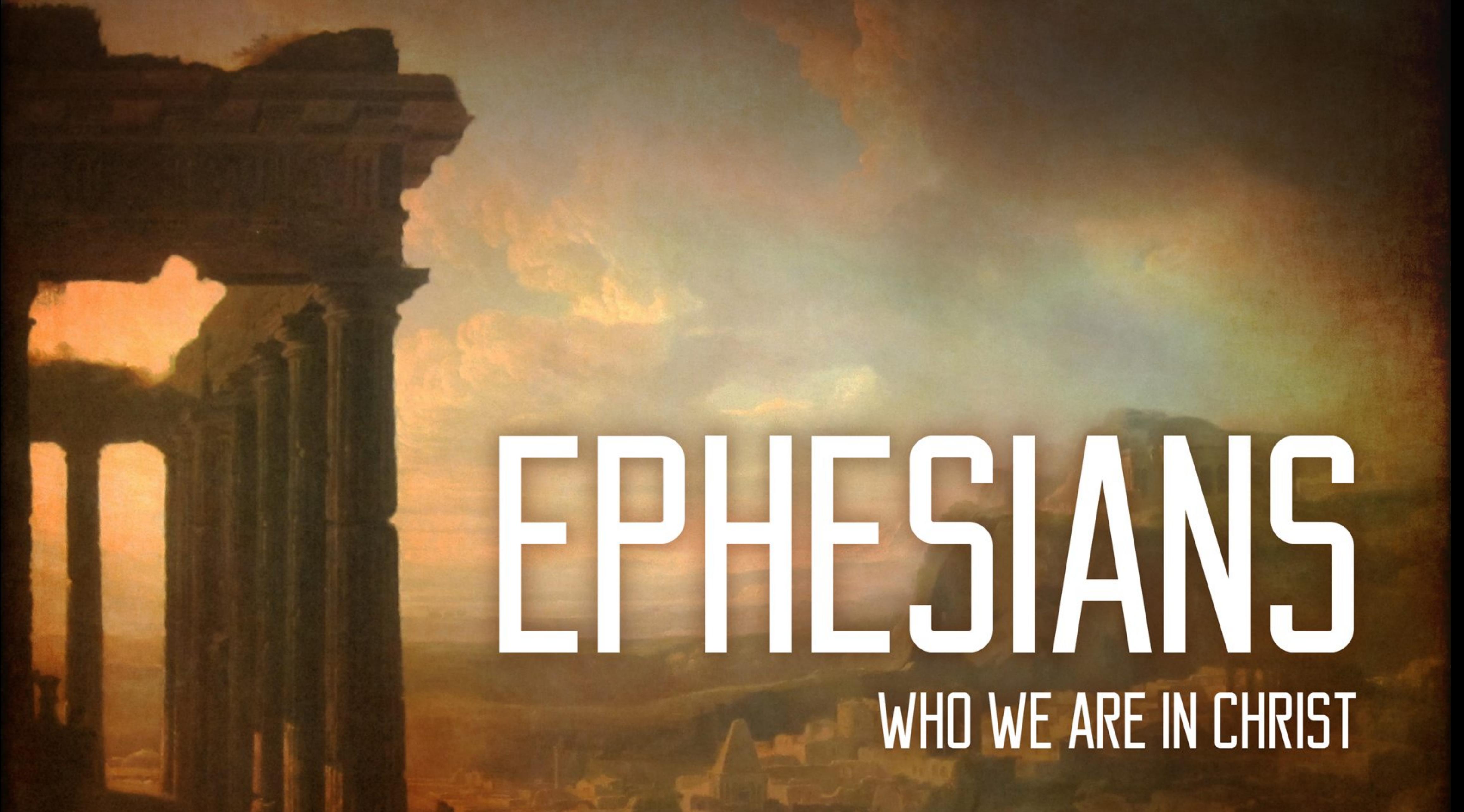
1 Peter 2:5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

We are the temple of the living God:

2 Corinthians 6:16 (NKJV) — 16 And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? **For you are the temple of the living God.** As God has said: “I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.”

Union with God – Unity with each other:

John 17:20–23 (NKJV) — 20 “I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; 21 **that they all may be one**, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; **that they also may be one in Us**, that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, **that they may be one just as We are one**: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.



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