

Who Are We?

EPHESIANS 2:11-22 – HOW HAVE I BEEN ACCEPTED?

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Ephesians 2:8-9

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Ephesians 2:11-12

2:11 Therefore **remember** that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— ¹² **remember** that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

¹¹ 所以你们应当记念：你们从前按肉体是外邦人，是称为没受割礼的；这名原是那些凭人手在肉身上称为受割礼之人所起的。¹² 那时，你们与基督无关，在以色列国民以外，在所应许的诸约上是局外人，并且活在世上没有指望，没有 神。

In essence, people responding to the gospel message is the opportunity to be reclaimed by God's actions for God's purposes.

Ephesians 2:13

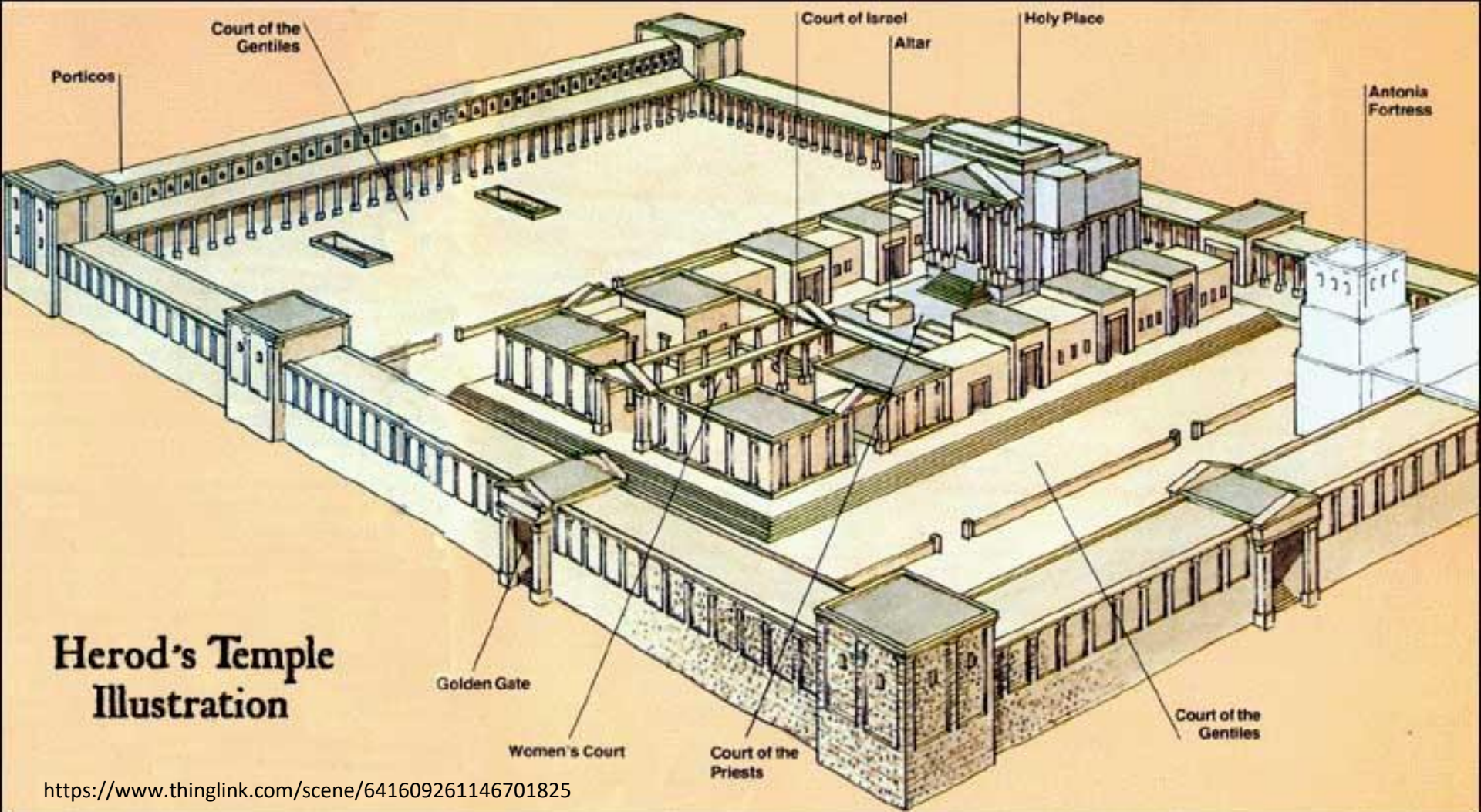
¹³ **But now** in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹³ 你们从前远离 神的人，如今却在基督耶稣里，靠着他的血，已经得亲近了。

Ephesians 2:14-16

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility ¹⁵ by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

¹⁴ 因他使我们和睦，将两下合而为一，拆毁了中间隔断的墙；¹⁵ 而且以自己的身体废掉冤仇，就是那记在律法上的规条，为要将两下借着自己造成一个新人，如此便成就了和睦。¹⁶ 既在十字架上灭了冤仇，便借这十字架使两下归为一体，与 神和好了



Herod's Temple Illustration

Ephesians 2:17-18

¹⁷ And he came and preached peace to you who were far off [Gentiles] and peace to those who were near [Jews]. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁷ 并且来传和平的福音给你们远处的人，也给那近处的人。¹⁸ 因为我们两下借着他被一个圣灵所感，得以进到父面前。

Ephesians 2:19-22

¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ²² In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

¹⁹ 这样，你们不再作外人和客旅，是与圣徒同国，是 神家里的人了；²⁰ 并且被建造在使徒和先知的根基上，有基督耶稣自己为房角石，²¹ 各房靠他联络得合式，渐渐成为主的圣殿。²² 你们也靠他同被建造，成为 神借着圣灵居住的所在。

We are no longer “laowai” to the faith!

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