

ONE NEW MAN IN CHRIST

Ephesians 2



Structure of epistle

Ch. 1-3 Our wealth in Christ

Ch. 1 God's plan to unit all in Christ

1:1 – 1:2 Opening salutation

1:3 – 1:14 God's plan to unite all in Christ

1:15 – 1:23 Paul's prayer for their greater spiritual comprehension

Ch. 2 One new man in Christ

2:1 – 2:10 The new individual in Christ

2:11 – 2:22 The "new man" (Jew & Gentile) in Christ

Ch. 3 The mystery revealed by Paul

3:1 – 3:13 Paul's defence of his stewardship

3:14 – 3:21 Paul's prayer for Christ's work to be fulfilled in us

Ch. 4-6 Our walk in Christ

Symmetry of Ch. 2

The new individual in Christ

- V1-3 What we were as individuals
- V4-10 What God has provided through Christ

The "new man" (Jews & Gentiles) in Christ

- V11-12 What we were as gentiles
- V13-22 What God has provided through Christ

Key verse: **V15** "for to make in himself of twain **one new man**, so making peace"

Grace be to you and peace

EPH. 2:1-10 The new individual in Christ	EPH. 2:11-22 The "new man" (Jew & Gentile) in Christ
What we were as individuals (V1-3) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• V1 – "in time past"• V3 – "in time past"• V1 - "dead in trespasses and sins"	What we were as gentiles (V11-12) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• V11,12 – "in time past"• V12 – "at that time"• V12 - "without God"
God's interposition (v4) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• V4 "But God"	God's interposition (V13) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• V13 "But now"
What God has provided through Christ (V4-9) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• V5 by GRACE ye are saved• V7 the exceeding riches of his GRACE• V8 by GRACE are ye saved	What God has provided through Christ (V13-20) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• V14 he is our PEACE who hath made both one• V15 to make in himself of twain one new man so making PEACE• V17 and came and preached PEACE to you
What God wants from me in return (V10) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• V10 to be his workmanship (personal manifestation of him)	What God wants from us in return (V19-22) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• V21-22 a temple fitly framed together (a <u>UNITED</u> manifestation of him)

We must *seek* for **PEACE** as much as we *need* **GRACE**

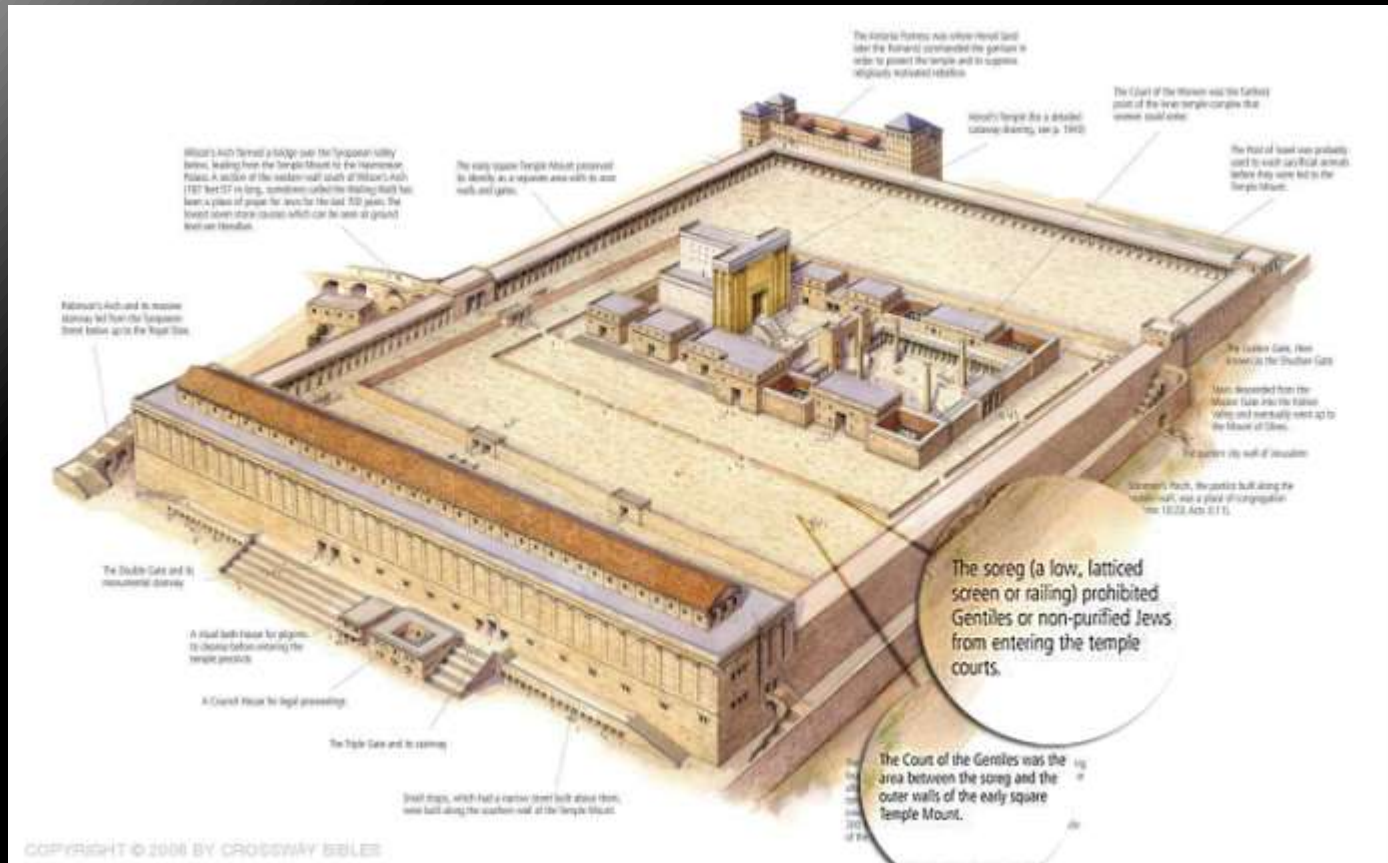
V2 “course of this world”

- **Course** = aion, “age or period of time”. Rendered “ages” in V7.
- **World** = cosmos, “order of things”.
- So they were following a “time allotted order of things”. In simple terms, they were following a “**passing fashion**”.

Overview of Eph. 2:11-22

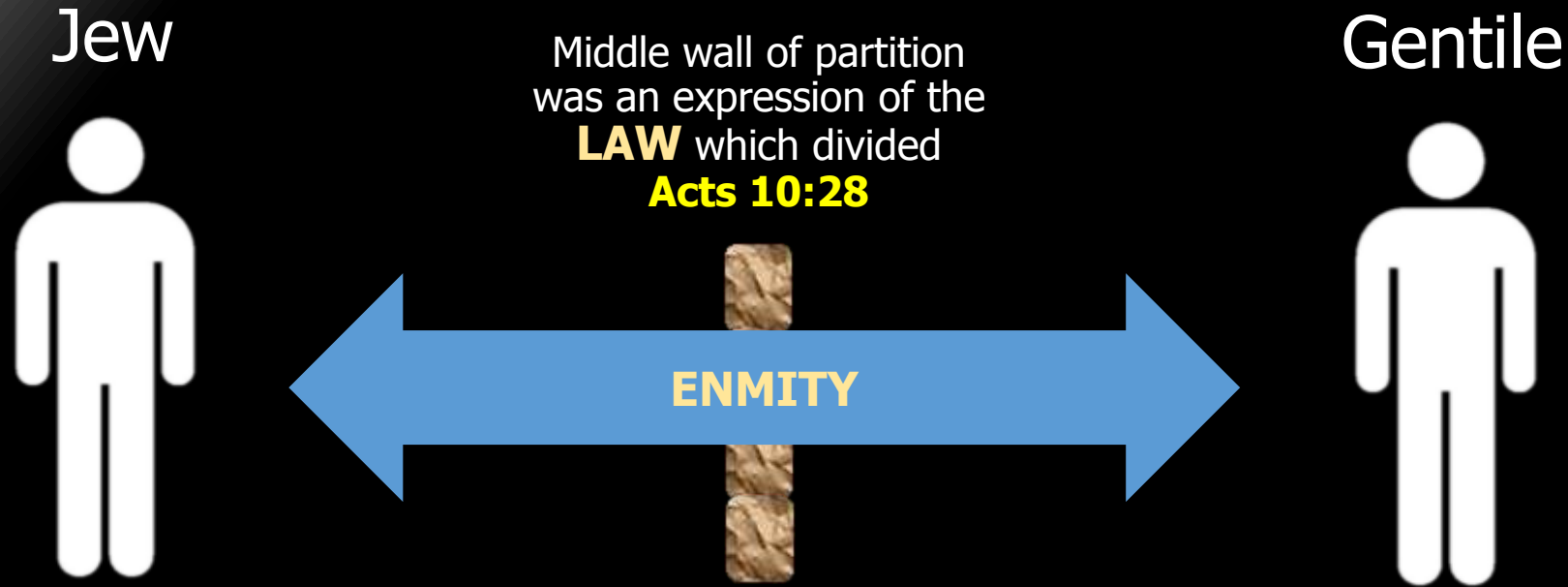
Having shown how in V1-10 how a **new man** is created and exalted in Christ, Paul now shows in V11-22 how another “**new man**” is created in Christ. This “new man” (v15) however is made up of believers from all of mankind.

The middle wall of partition



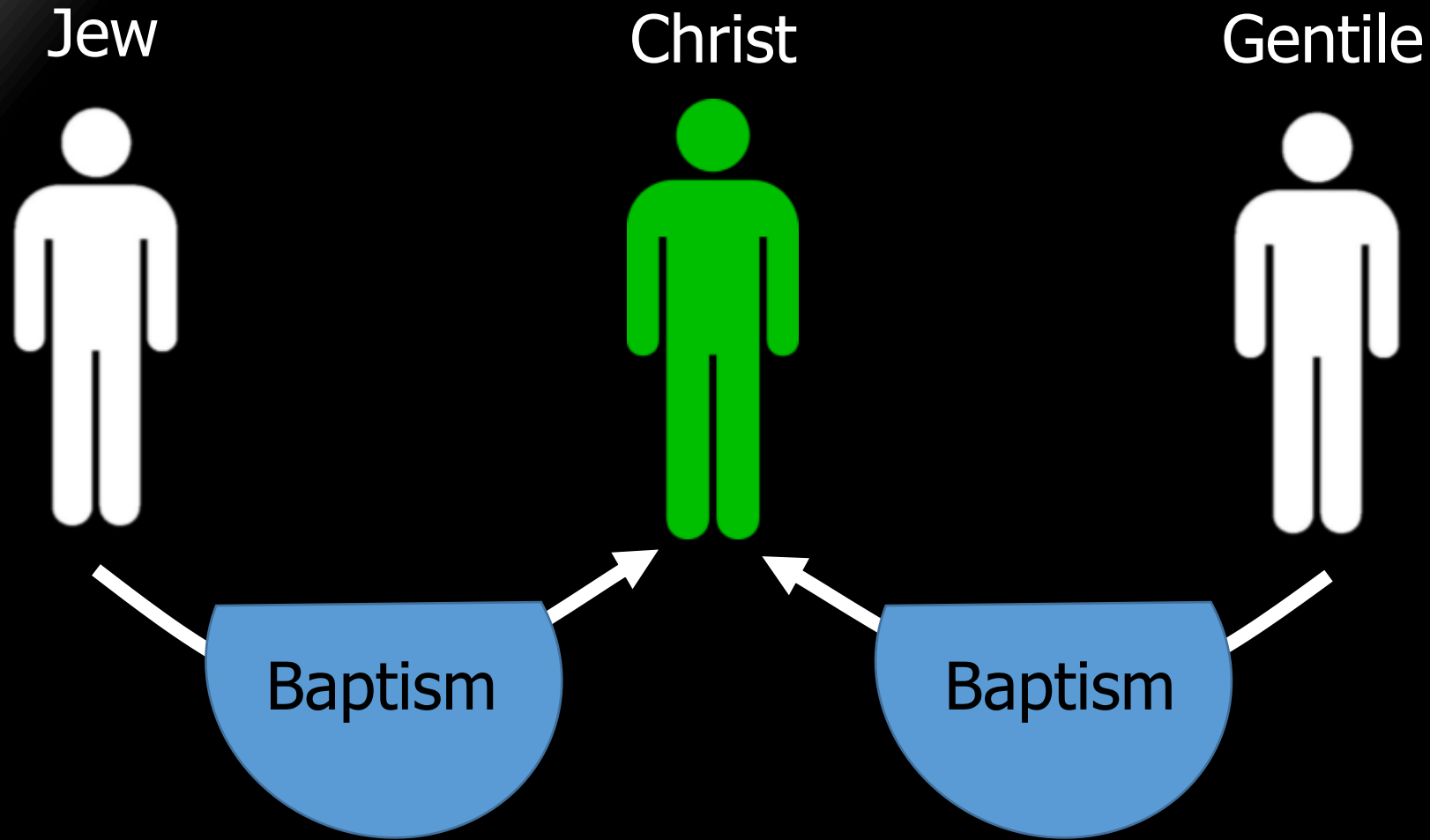
"No outsider shall enter the protective enclosure around the sanctuary. And whoever is caught will only have himself to blame for the ensuing death"

V15 He abolished in his flesh the enmity



- How do you remove the **enmity**? – Answer: By “abolishing the **law** of commandments”
- How do you abolish the **law** of commandments? – Answer: By dying on a tree, Jesus was cursed by the Law (Deut 21:23) and the full claims of the Law were met by his death, while his sinless life ensured his resurrection. **His death freed him from any further claims of the law and as such was done away. Gal. 3:13-14**
- In abolishing the law, Christ “broke down the **middle wall of partition**” which was an expression of it.

V15 To make in himself one new man so making peace



"For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ
... are all **one** in Christ" **Gal 3:27-28**

Fitly framed together (3:21)



"Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together" **Psalms 122:3 (KJV)**

"Jerusalem is built as a city whose fellowship is complete" **Psalms 122:3 (Septuagint)**

"House joined house and its chain of streets all led to one place. Every turn acted as a unifying funnel drawing you into the temple courts. You may have arrived alone but once you stepped through those gates you were being channelled towards a unique destination. Wherever you looked you would have seen this single sense of fellowship. Pilgrims felt that they belonged; strangers discovered new friends and here the whole congregation stood together as one man" Bro. C. Parry

THE THEME

