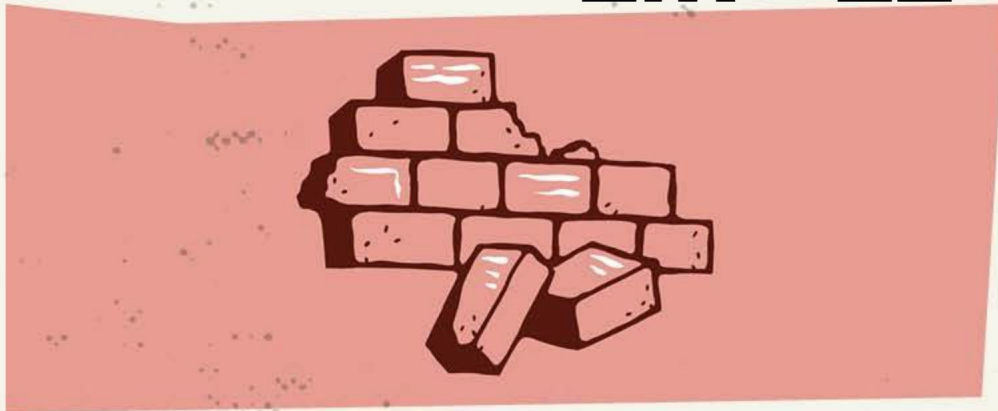




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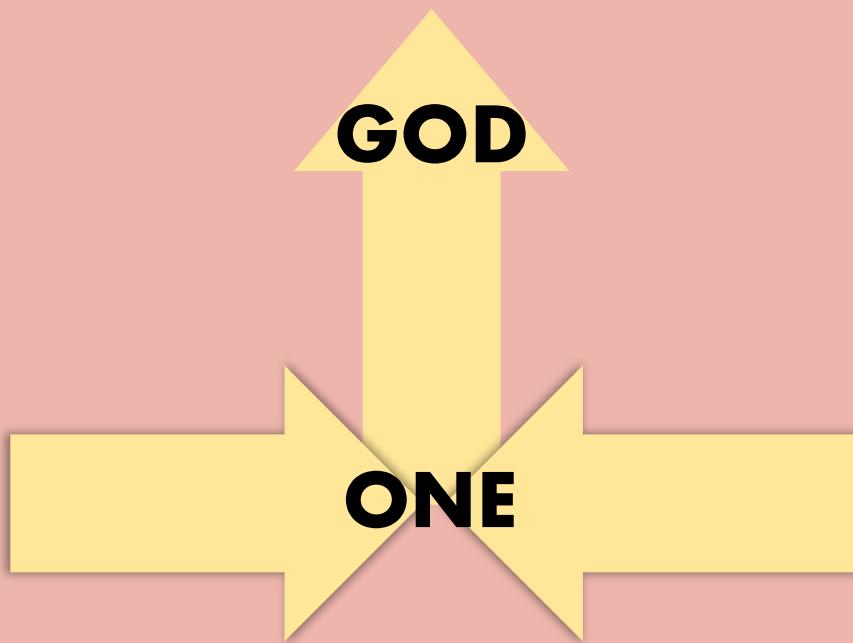


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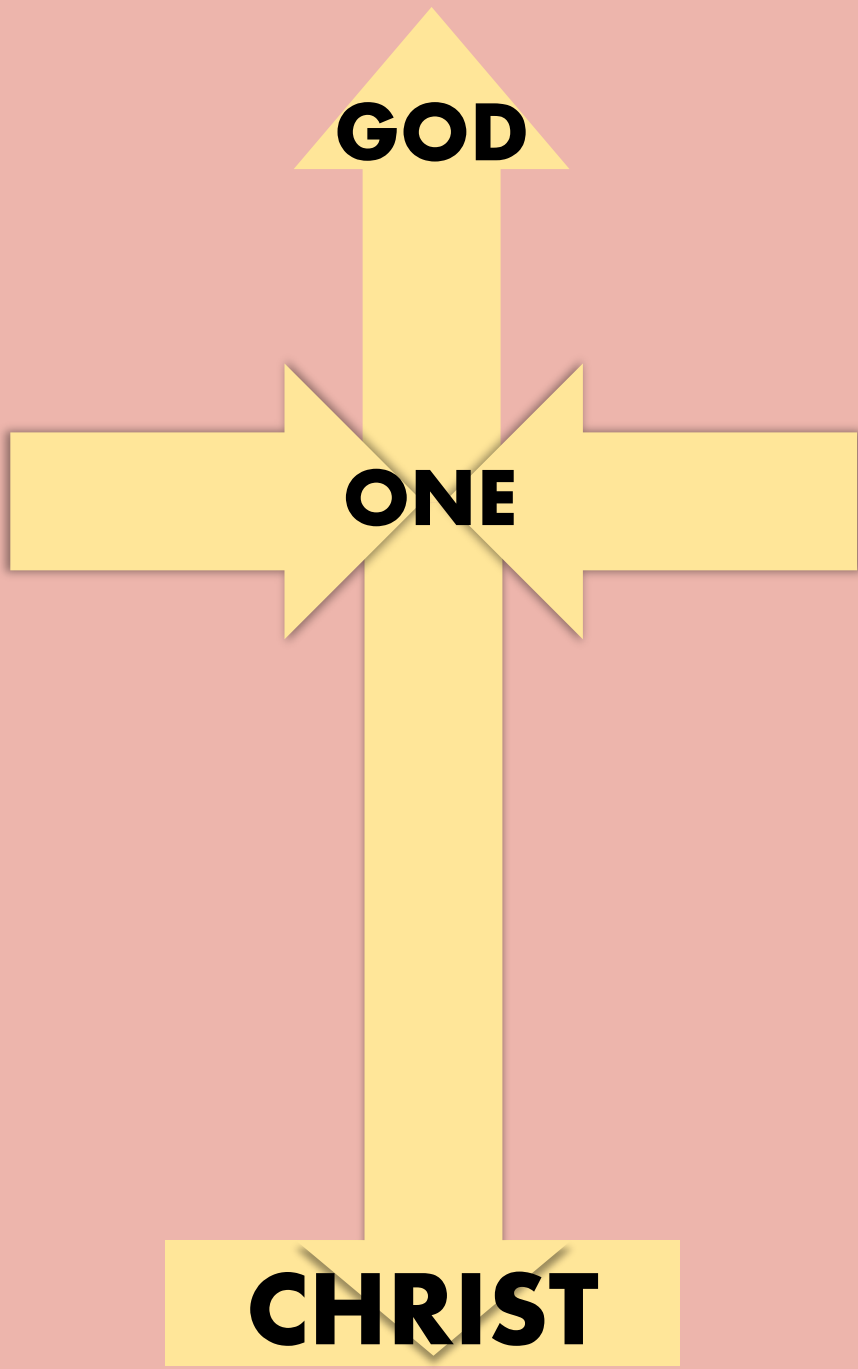
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# A Holy Temple with No Walls



## **Eph 2:13-16**

**But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations.**

## **Eph 2:13-16**

**His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.**



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- Walls in our hearts are more dangerous than the physical walls we erect against others.**

# **1. The Wall of Pride (Identity or privilege)**

- **Separates people**
- **Blocks the grace of God  
and alienates people**

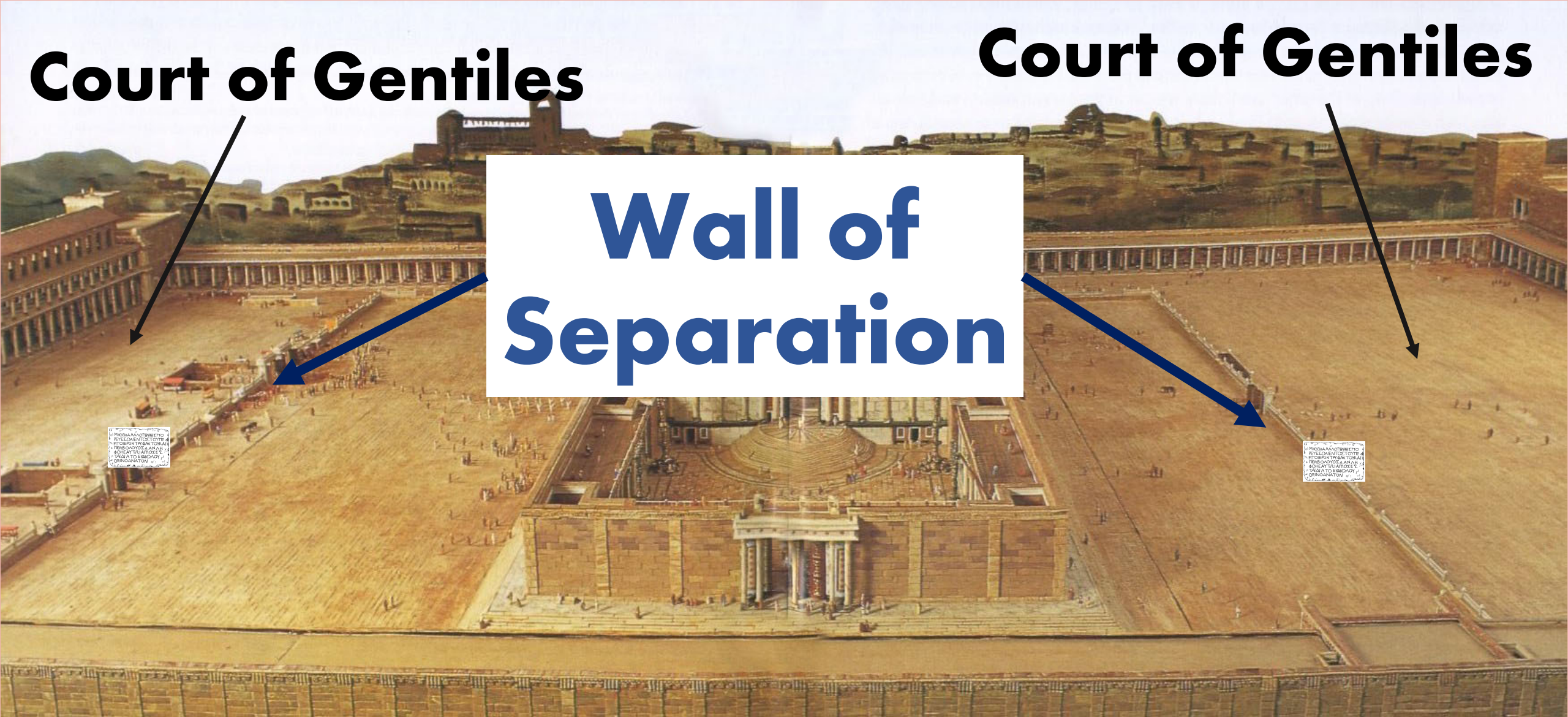
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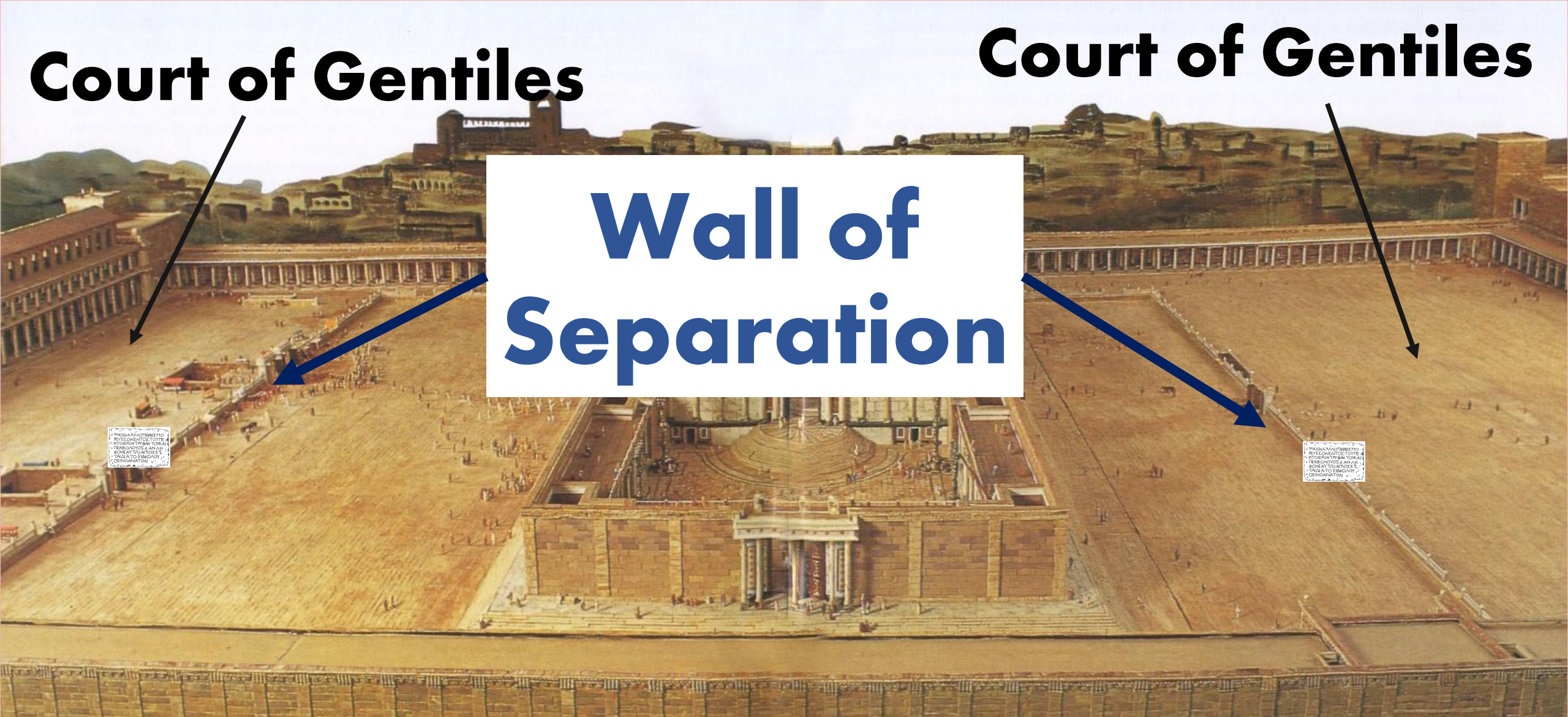


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- **Overcome the wall by forgiving (Lk 23:34)**

# **3. The Wall of Fear**

**Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.**

**Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (Eph. 4:2 - 3)**

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**(Eph. 2:13)**

**Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household.**

**(Eph. 2:19)**



# Once...

- **Separated**
- **Far from God**
- **Alienated**
- **Excluded**
- **Foreigner**
- **Stranger**

# But now...

- **United**
- **Near to God**
- **Reconciled**
- **Included**
- **Fellow citizens**
- **Family members**

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- **We should recognize the image of God in others.**
- **We should treat others as fellow-members of God's household.**

**3. In Christ, we are being built  
as a Temple where God lives  
(Vs. 21 - 22)**

**In him the whole building is  
joined together and rises to  
become a holy temple in the  
**Lord. And in him you too are**  
**being built together to become**  
**a dwelling in which God lives**  
**by his Spirit.**  
**(Eph 2:21-22)****

- **Whole building is joined**

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- **Christ bears our weight**



**We become a dwelling place  
(1 Cor 3:16)**

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**Tabernacle  
(Curtains) → Temple  
(walls) →**



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**Eph. 4:3**

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**“Through all the ages to come the Indian Church will rise up in gratitude to attest the heroism and self-denying labours of the missionary body. You have given your goods to feed the poor. You have given your bodies to be burned. We also ask for love. Give us FRIENDS!”**

**—V. S. Azariah**