

The Blessing Of Salvation

Ephesians 2:1-10

We Need To Realize The Change Salvation Brings

A. Our Spiritual State Before Salvation (2:1-3)

1. *We were* dead (2:1)

a. It is a passed state

1 Peter 2:24

b It was a pitiful state

Romans 7:24

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A. Our Spiritual State Before Salvation (2:1-3) – cont'd

2. *We were* dominated (2:1-2)

a. By sinful actions (v 1b)

James 1:13-14

b. By sinful alliance with the world (v 2)

John 8:44

Romans 7:5

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A. Our Spiritual State Before Salvation (2:1-3) – cont'd

3. *We were* depraved (2:3)

a From birth

Psalm 51:5

b. In behavior

Judges 21:25

c. In burden

John 3:36

Romans 1:18

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B. Our Spiritual State Because Of Salvation (2:4-7)

1. We *experience* God's love (2:4-5)

a. In spite of our past

Romans 5:8

b. In supply of His love through Christ

John 10:17

Colossians 2:13

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B. Our Spiritual State Because Of Salvation (2:4-7)
(continued)

2. *We expect* God's blessings (2:6-7)

a. Being raised

Romans 8:17

b. Being revealed

1 Corinthians 2:9

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C. Our Spiritual State Is From God (2:8-10)

1. God's grace (2:8)

2 Timothy 1:9

2. God's gift (2:8)

Romans 6:23

3. God's glory (2:9)

2 Corinthians 4:7

4. God's goal (2:10)

Matthew 5:16

1 Peter 2:12

Reconciled
Ephesians 2:11-22

Christ Reconciles All Who Come To Him

I. The Far Off (2:11-13)

A. No heritage (2:11)

Ephesians 2:11

Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;

I. The Far Off (2:11-13)

B. No hope (2:12)

Ephesians 2:12

That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

I. The Far Off (2:11-13)

C. No hindrance (2:13)

Ephesians 2:13

**But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off
are made nigh by the blood of Christ.**

II. The Work Of Christ (2:14-18)

A. Removed the wall (2:14)

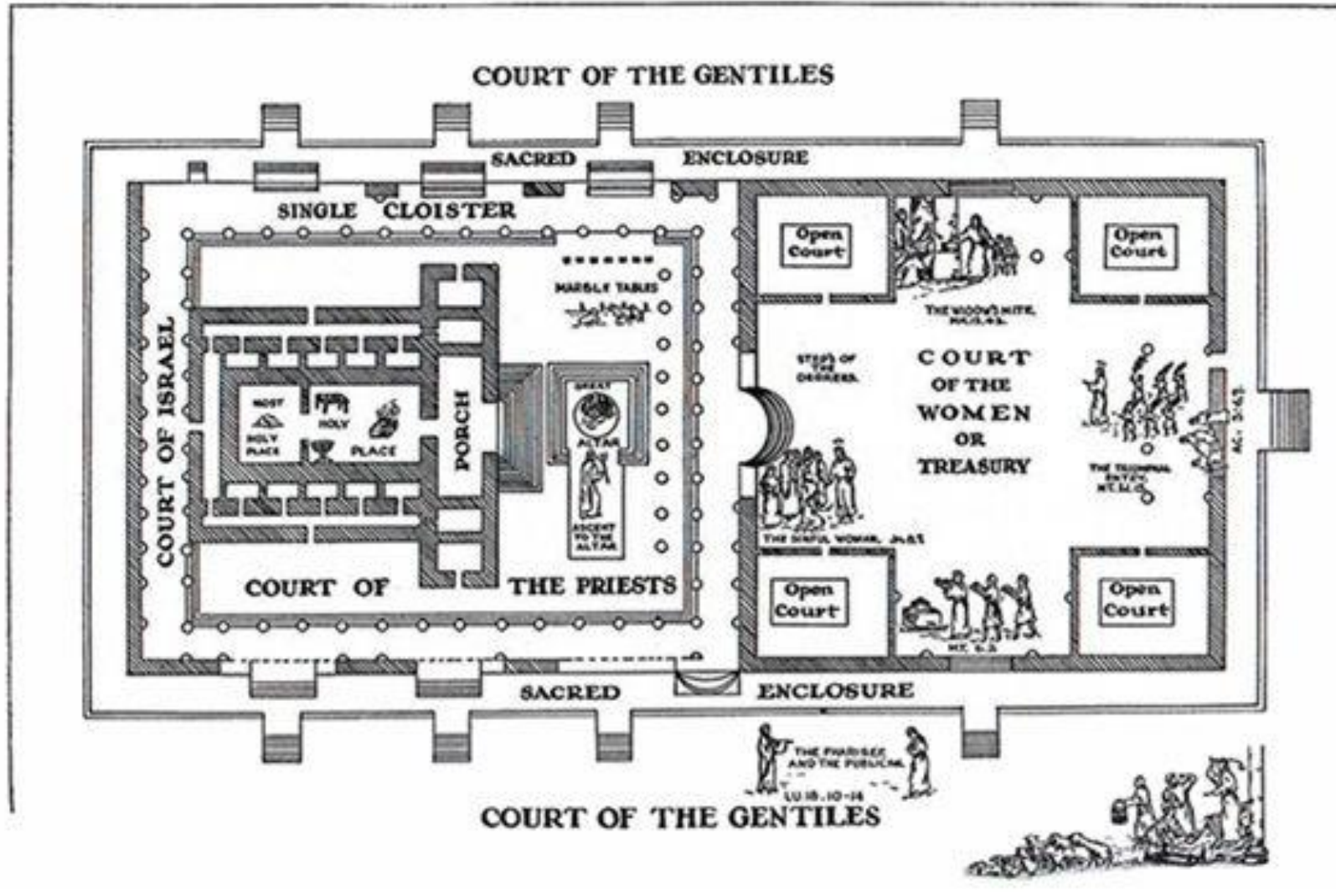
Ephesians 2:14

For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;



II. The Work Of Christ (2:14-18)

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II. The Work Of Christ (2:14-18)

B. Retired the enmity

Ephesians 2:15

Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

Colossians 2:14

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

II. The Work Of Christ (2:14-18)

C. Reconciled all (2:16-18)

Ephesians 2:16-18

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.

18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

II. The Work Of Christ (2:14-18)

C. Reconciled all (2:16-18)

1. To God

2 Corinthians 5:19-21

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

II. The Work Of Christ (2:14-18)

C. Reconciled all (2:16-18) - continued

2. To each other

Galatians 3:28-29

28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

III. The Way Of Christ (2:19-22)

A. One family (2:19)

Ephesians 2:19

**Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners,
but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of
God;**

Philippians 3:20

**For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we
look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:**

III. The Way Of Christ (2:19-22)

B. One foundation (2:20)

Ephesians 2:20

And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

III. The Way Of Christ (2:19-22)

B. One foundation (2:20) - continued

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

9 For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

III. The Way Of Christ (2:19-22)

C. One frame (2:21)

Ephesians 2:21

In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

Ephesians 4:13

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

III. The Way Of Christ (2:19-22)

D. One function

Ephesians 2:22

In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 3:16

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

Be Reconciled By Christ!!