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All About Family
Ephesians 2:11-22
Jay Bean

1. WHO WE WERE
Ephesians 2:1-3

We were dead, victimized and driven.

2. WHO WE ARE NOW
Ephesians 2:4-10

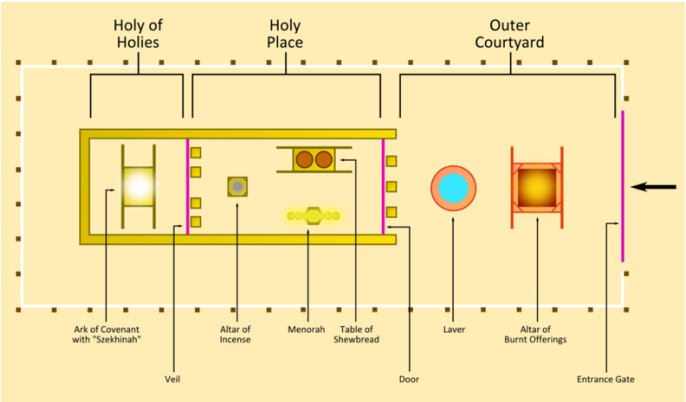
We have a new:
Power source
Position
Purpose

3. WELCOME TO THE NEW FAMILY

Ephesians 2:11-13 *"**11** Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)— **12** remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. **13** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ."*

Paul proclaimed that Jesus was not only a national Messiah, but the universal Savior.

Ephesians 2:14-18 *"**14** For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, **15** by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, **16** and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. **17** He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. **18** For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit."*



No foreigner may enter within the barricade which surrounds the sanctuary and enclosure. Anyone who is caught doing so will have himself to blame for his ensuing death.

4. A New Temple

Ephesians 2:19-22 NIV *"**19** Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, **20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. **21** In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. **22** And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit."*

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Fusion Group Questions:

1. What was your big takeaway from today's sermon?
2. How should you respond?
3. When you think of the phrase that Jay used today, " The new family of Jesus", how do you think this would ideally be described in terms of what it looks like?
4. What resonated with you concerning what Heather said?
5. What do you think Eph 2:21-22 could look like lived out in a local church and the worldwide Church?