



A HOLY TEMPLE

So then _____ are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of _____, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the _____, in whom the whole structure, being _____ together, grows into a _____ in the Lord. (Eph 2:19-21)

When they first heard the aim of the building, what went through their minds?

- “Not all temples are _____.” (Eph 4:17-24)
- “This temple is _____ from any other temple I’ve ever known.”
 - Built on the foundation of the _____ and prophets
 - Christ Jesus himself being the _____
 - _____ are the stones being joined and built together (1 Pet 2:4-5)

But what was, what is this “holy temple in the Lord”?

- More than a magnificent _____ (Matt 24:1-2)
- More than a cultural _____ (John 2:20)
- More than a place of empty, ritual _____ (John 2:16; Mal 1:10)
- The temple was the place of God’s _____ among mankind (Ezek 43:1-9; Isa 6:1)—unable to _____ him (Isa 66:1; Acts 7:48), but the place where he promised to _____ in the midst of his people (Ezek 43:7).

“Therefore remember ... now in Christ Jesus ... ” (Eph 2)

- We aren’t building a _____, or a magnificent building, or a _____ landmark, or a place of empty ritual sacrifice. We’re not building an _____ venue or a _____-help center, or even a spiritual _____ station...
- ...we are “_____ built together into a dwelling place for God” (Eph 2:22), “to _____ a holy priesthood, to _____ spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God” (1 Pet 2:5), that we “may _____ the excellencies” of God our Savior (1 Pet 2:9-10).