



# 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).