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CALL TO WORSHIP

21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

-2 Corinthians 5:21



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*12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’
13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

-Luke 18:9-14



- 69% of Americans people are basically good
- 48% of Americans believe that if a person is generally good, or does enough good things during their life, they will “earn” a place in Heaven.
- 52% of proclaiming Christians accept a works-oriented means to God’s acceptance.



•44% mainline Protestants & 41% of Evangelical Churches whose official doctrinal statement says eternal salvation comes only from embracing Jesus Christ as savior, and not from being or doing good, believe that a person can qualify for Heaven by being or doing good

•54% of Americans claim they will go to heaven once they die; however, only 33% believe it's solely through confessing their sins and embracing the righteousness of Jesus alone



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DANGER OF SELF-RIGHTEOUS DECEPTION V. 9

Audience: The Self-Righteous

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Their problem = misplaced trust

themselves that they were righteous, and treated others

The fruit of their problem = looked down on others

with contempt:

Self-trust makes others appear as competition to crush rather than neighbors to love.



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Respected Religious Leader Scum of Jewish society

Phar. Problem 1: Prominence Phar. Problem 2: Self-Centered (“I”x5)

Phar. Problem 3: Self-Compared

*When we navel-gaze at our own righteousness,
we make a mockery of the cross of Christ (Gal. 2:21)*



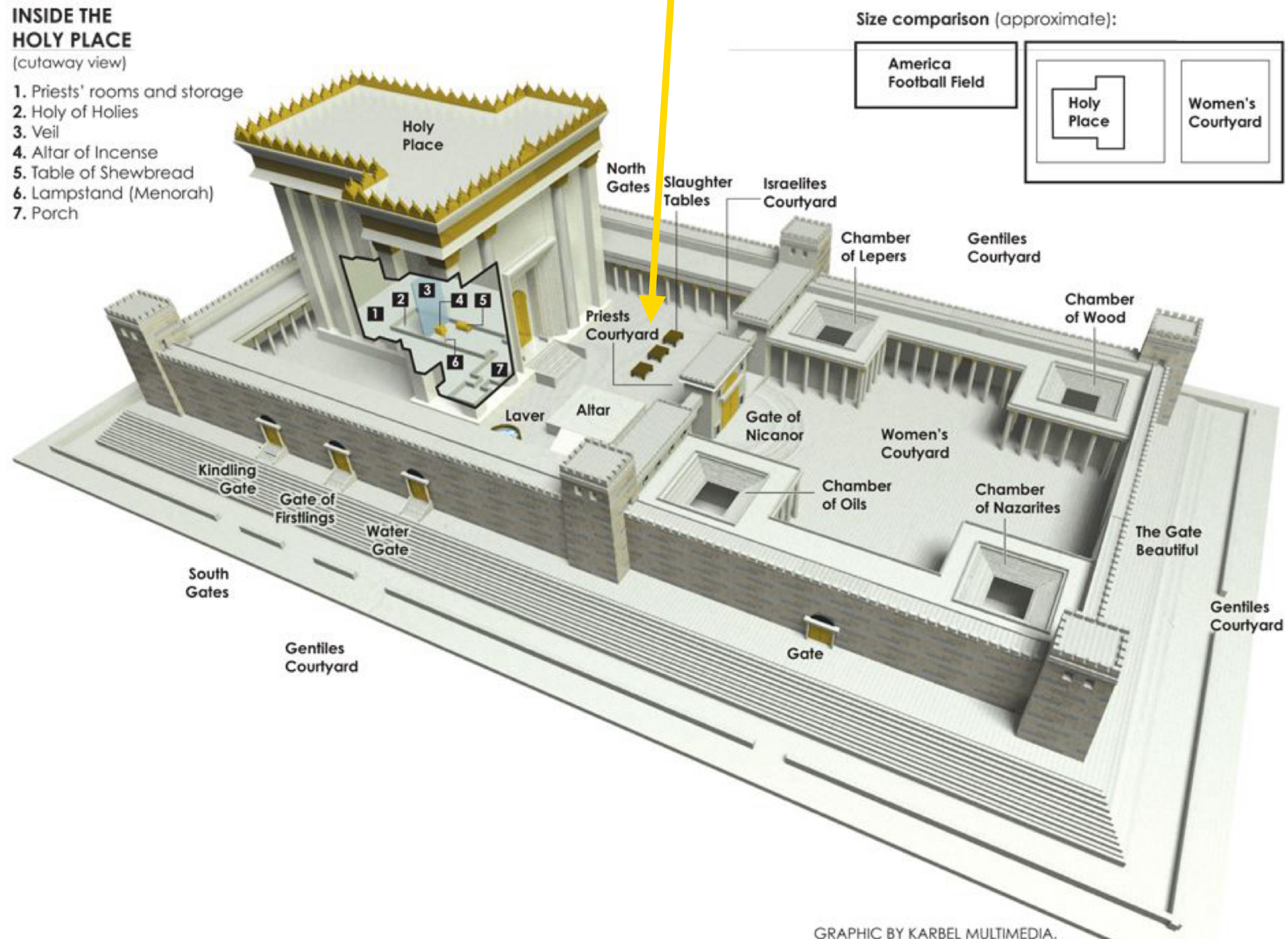
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Where Pharisee would have been

INSIDE THE HOLY PLACE (cutaway view)

1. Priests' rooms and storage
2. Holy of Holies
3. Veil
4. Altar of Incense
5. Table of Shewbread
6. Lampstand (Menorah)
7. Porch



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lowly prominence

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Sorrowful over who he was & what he had done

lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying,

literally means: Make atonement for me; Expiate/Remove my sin

'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'

*Where the self-righteous bring a resume,
The redeemed bring repentance.*



GOD'S VERDICT V. 14

Happens by faith alone
in Christ alone (Jhn. 14:6)

*14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified,
rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself
Repentance & Faith in Jesus
will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be
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*Christ is the mercy seat where wrath and mercy are wed together.
At the cross, the proud are humbled (their works are exposed as worthless),
and the humble are exalted (sinners declared righteous).*



WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SIN?

*“For my pardon this I see:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*Nothing can for sin atone:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*O precious is the flow
that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.”*

-Robert Lowry (1876)

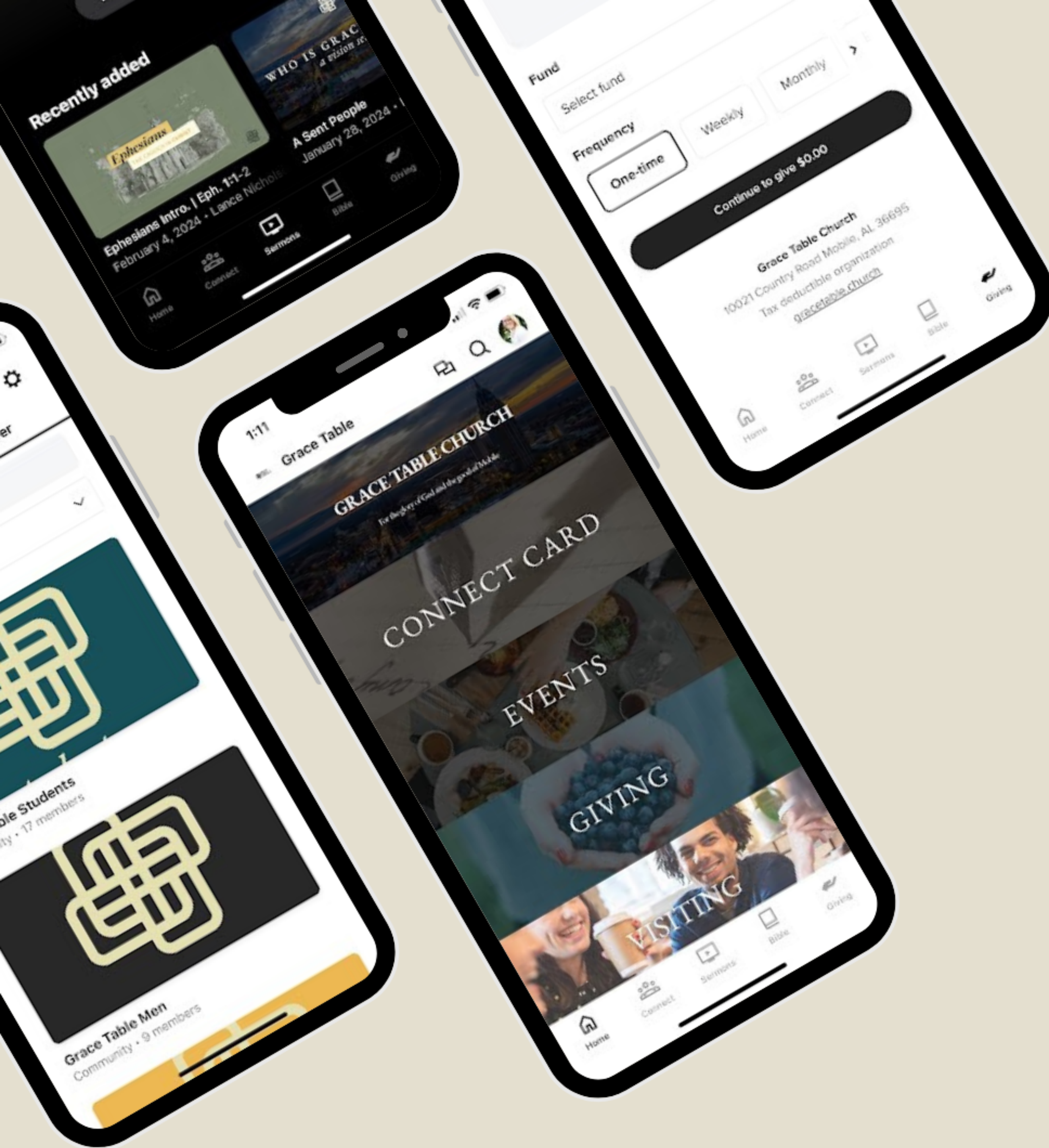




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BENEDICTION

Leader:

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

-2 Corinthians 13:14

People:

And also with you.



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