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Believers do not have a private faith; they have corporate relationship and responsibility to each other.

Darrell Bock, Bible Knowledge Word Study

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God made a difference between Jews and Gentiles. God set them apart that He might use them to be a channel of His revelation and goodness to the heathen nations.

Warren Wiersbe, Bible Exposition Commentary

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crying out, "Men of Israel, help! This is the man who teaches all men everywhere against the people, the law, and this place; and furthermore he also brought Greeks into the temple and has defiled this holy place."

Acts 21:28

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Jews do not become Gentiles nor do Gentiles become Jews. Rather God has created a whole new entity, the church. God deals with both believing Jews and believing Gentiles now equally as Christians.

Thomas Constable, Expository Notes Of Dr. Constable

2. My New Identity Eliminates All My Reasons For Hostility (v14-16)

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28

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If the Lordship of Jesus Christ is not greater than any difference you have with others - be it political, racial, economic, language, geography or whatever, then you have not fully understood what it means to be under the Lordship of Jesus.

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

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But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they."

Acts 15:11

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**Access is probably the best translation of prosagoge, though it could be 'introduction.' In oriental courts there was a prosagoges who brought a person into the presence of the king. **P

Francis Foulkes, Tyndale New Testament Commentary

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1 Peter 2

- 4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,
- 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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