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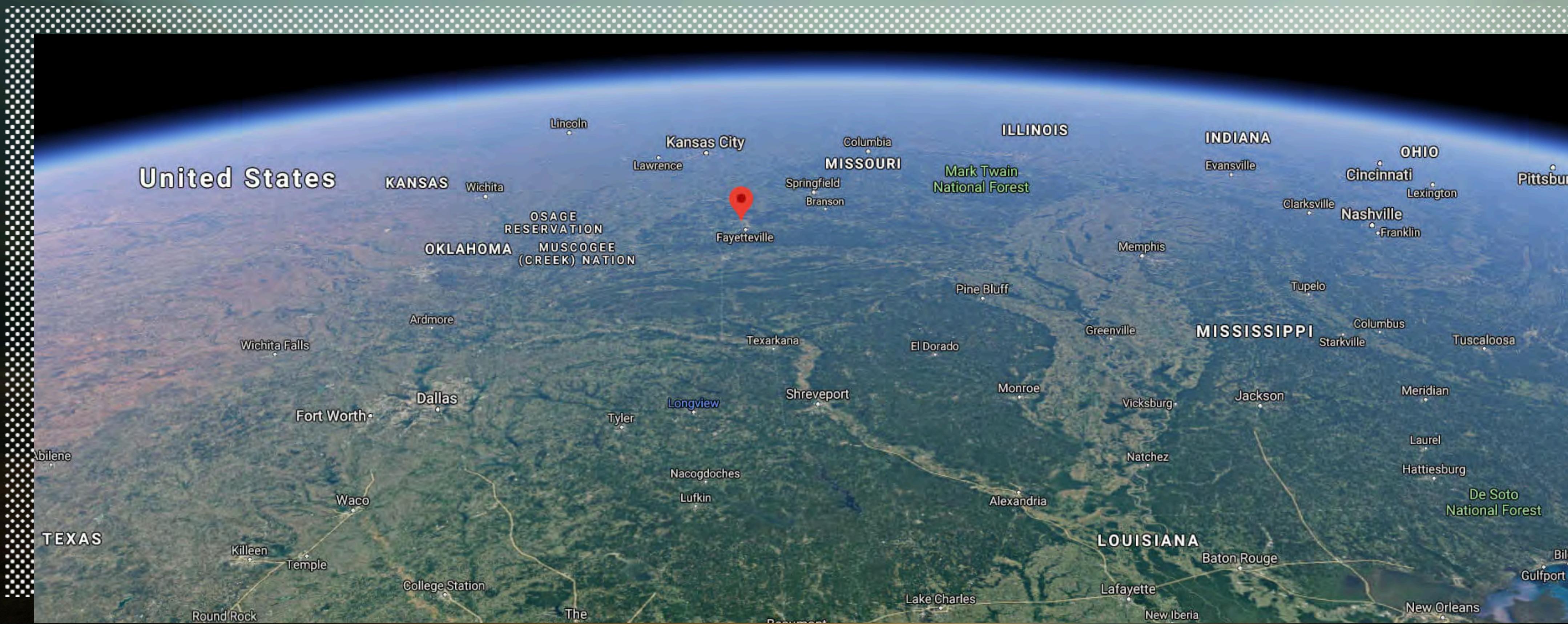
The circumcised believers who had come with Peter
were **astonished** that the gift of the Holy Spirit
had been poured out **even on Gentiles.**

ACTS 10:45 NIV

You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

PSALMS 16:11 NIV





...remember that at that time you were **separate** from Christ,
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of the promise, **without hope** and **without God** in the world.

EPHESIANS 2:12 NIV

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“...even on Gentiles”

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- + WHAT IT TOOK TO BRING US IN

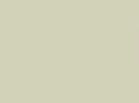
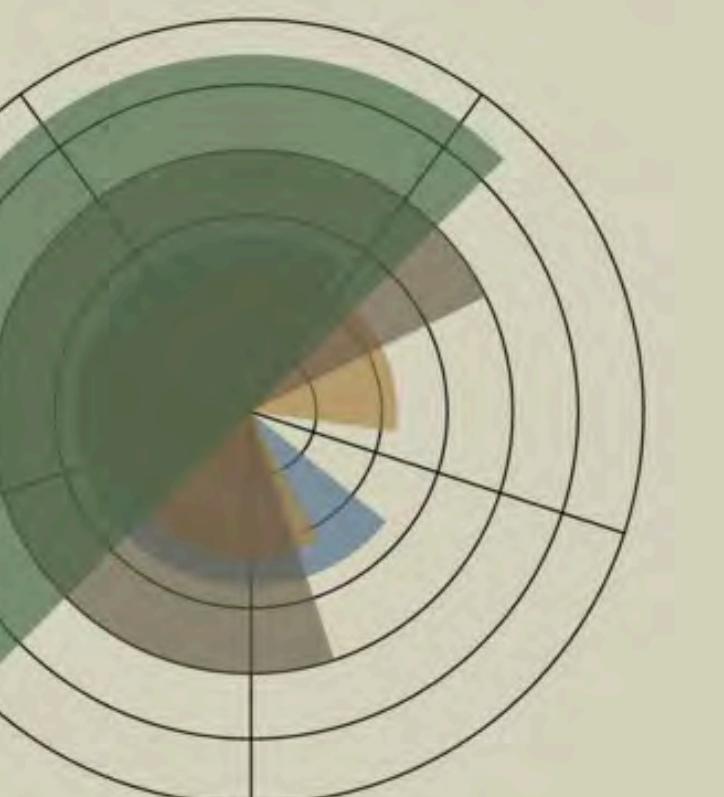
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SERMON NOTES



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At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment.

ACTS 10:1 NIV

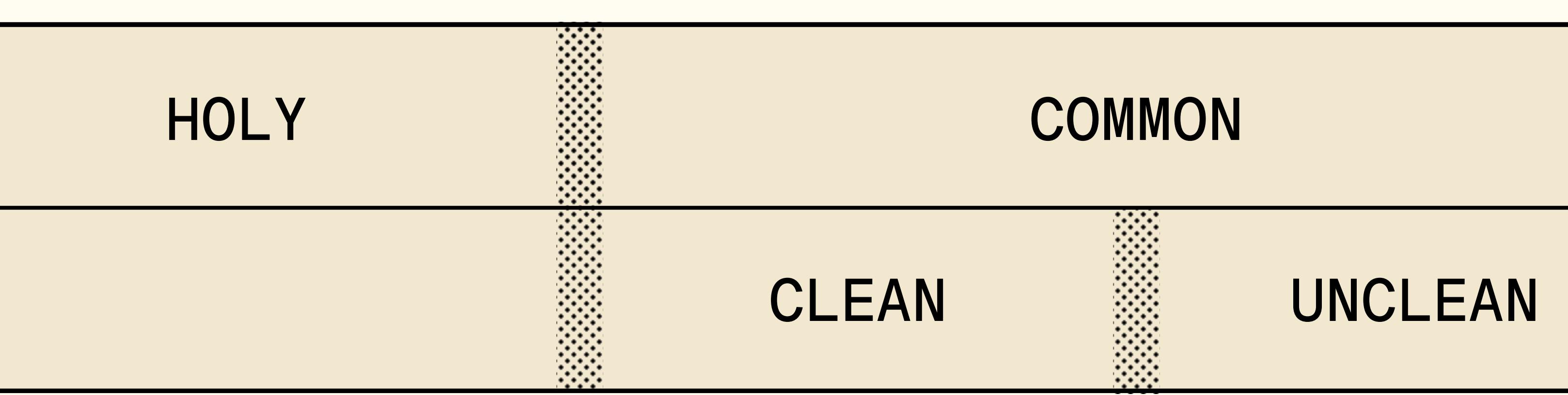
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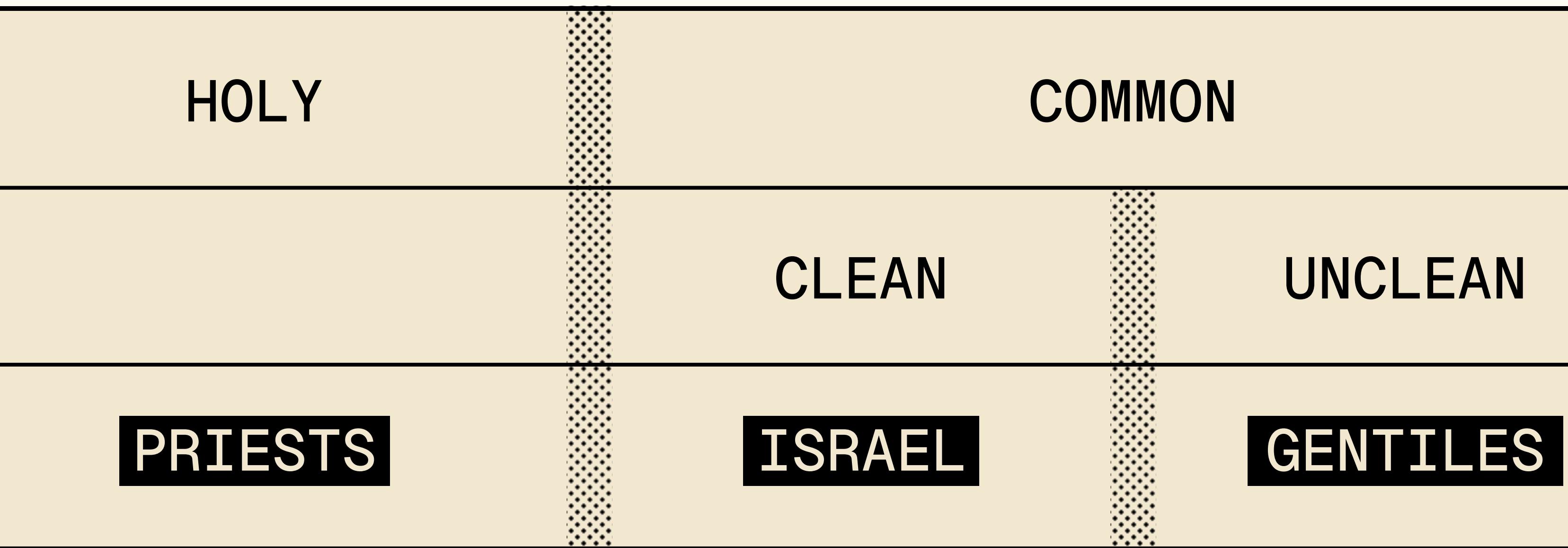
While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people.²⁸ He said to them: “You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile.

ACTS 10:27-28a NIV

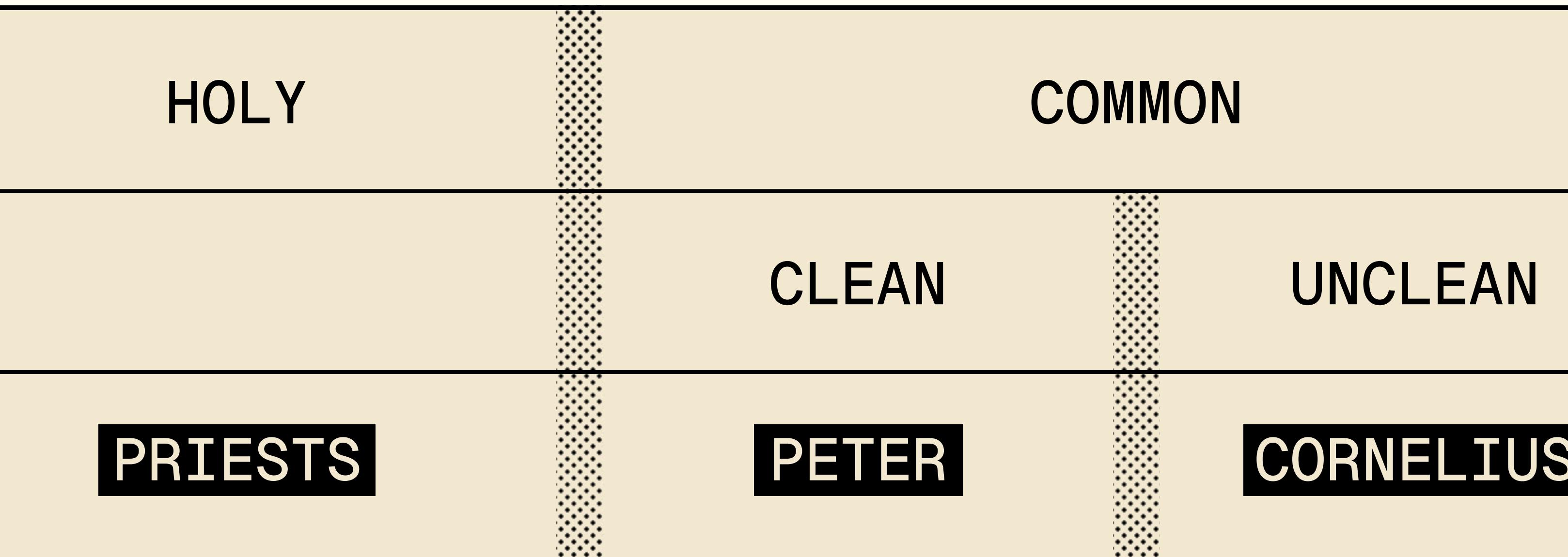
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When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!”²⁹ Soon the whole city was in an uproar. The people seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul’s traveling companions from Macedonia, and all of them rushed into the theater together.

ACTS 19:28-29 NIV

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About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray.¹⁰ He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance.

ACTS 10:9-10 NIV

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While Peter was **wondering** about the meaning of the vision, the men sent by Cornelius found out where Simon's house was and stopped at the gate.¹⁸ They called out, asking if Simon who was known as Peter was staying there.

ACTS 10:17-18 NIV

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While Peter was **still thinking about the vision**, the Spirit said to him, “Simon, three men are looking for you.
²⁰ So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them.”

ACTS 10:19-20 NIV

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The following day he arrived in Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends.

ACTS 10:24 NIV

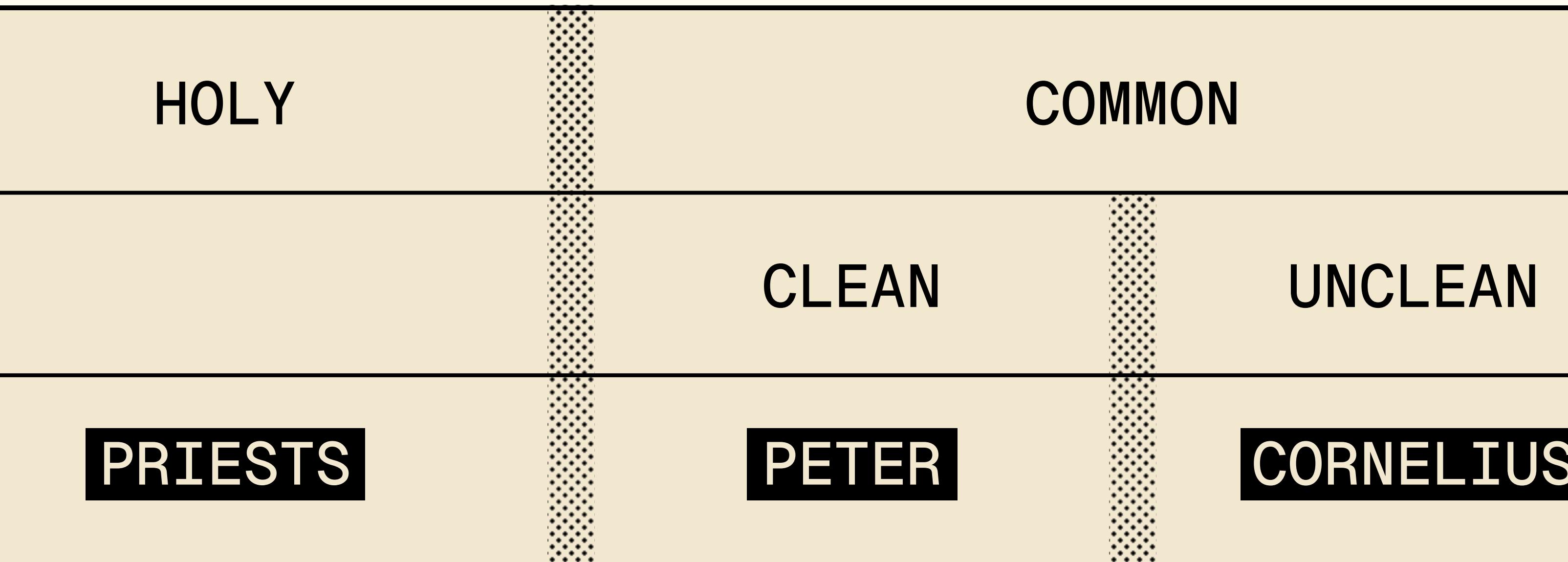
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While talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people.²⁸ He said to them: “You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.

ACTS 10:27-28 NIV

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Then a voice told him, “Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.”

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¹⁵ The voice spoke to him a second time, “Do not call anything **impure** that God has made clean.”

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ACTS 10:13-16 NIV

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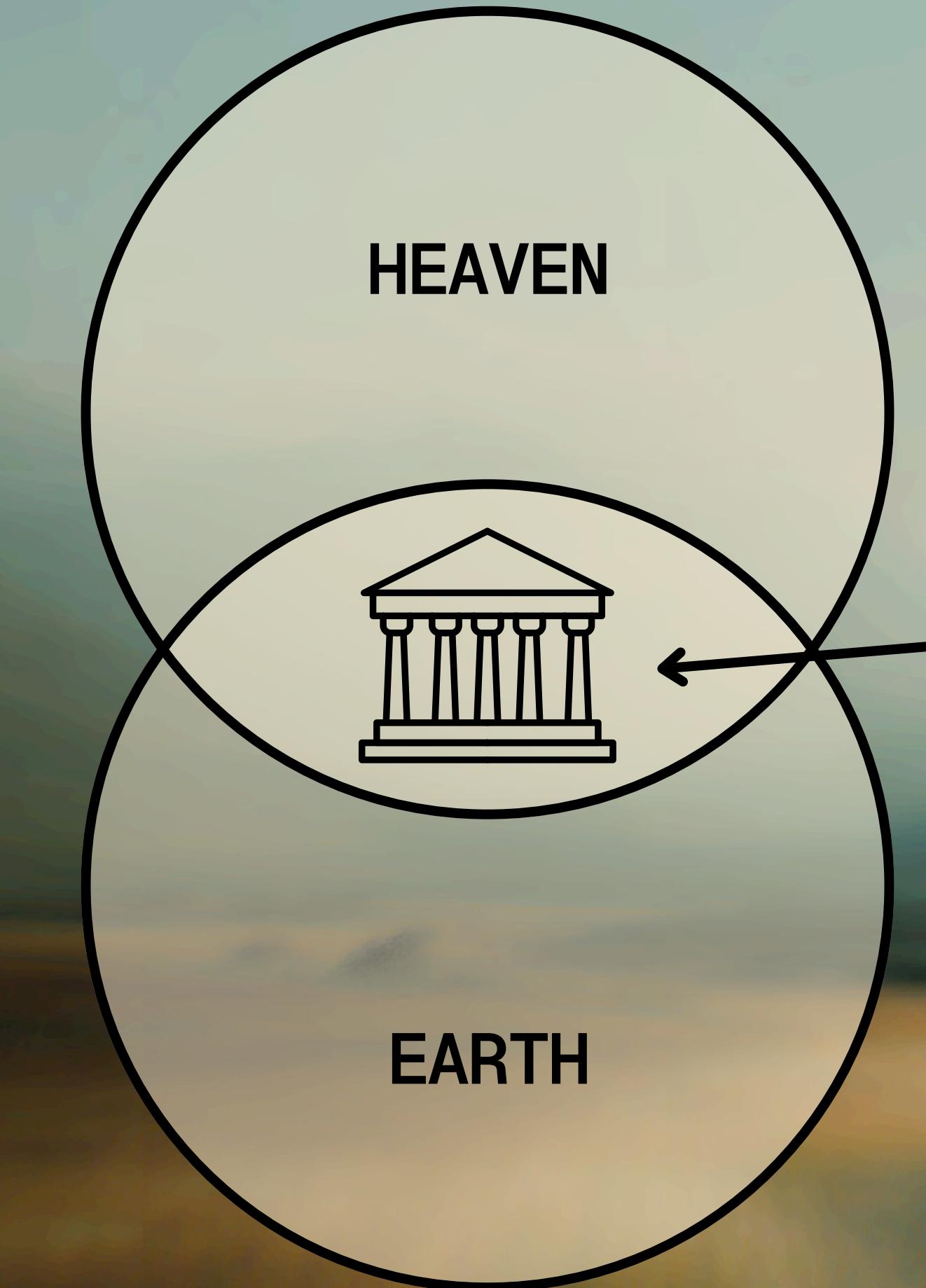
ACTS 10:43 NIV

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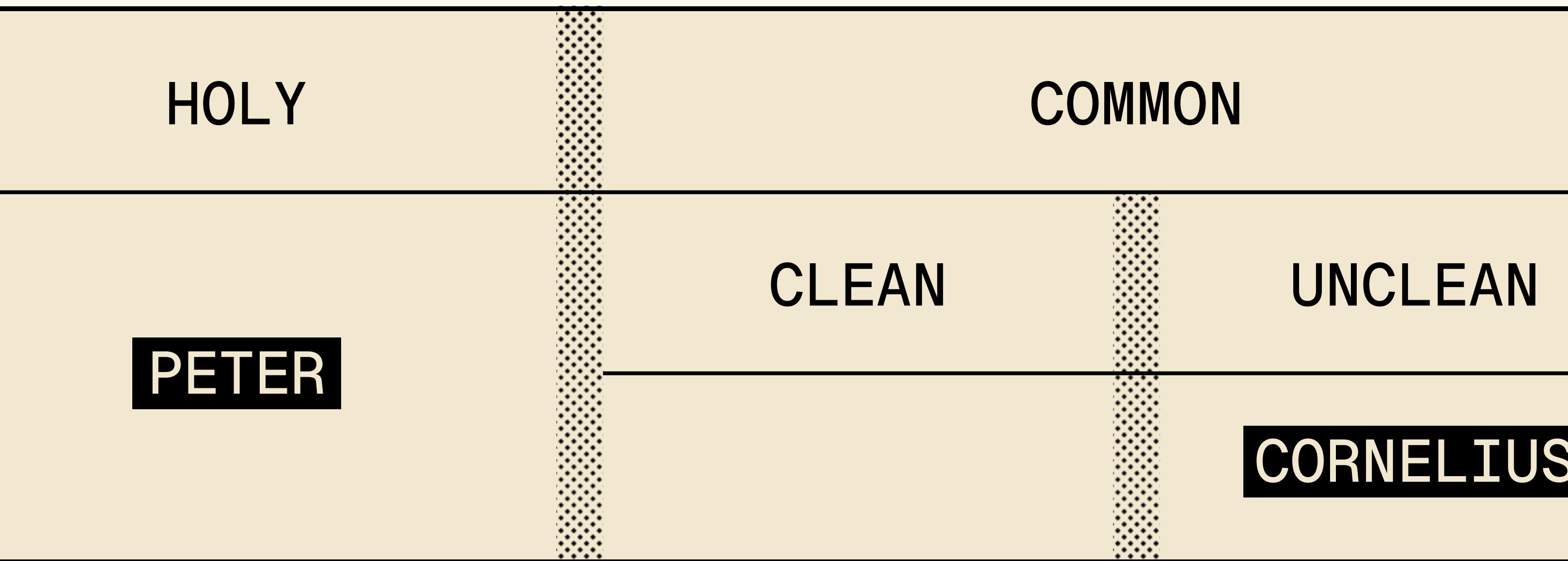
...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts **sprinkled** to **cleanse** us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies **washed** with pure water.

HEBREWS 10:22 NIV



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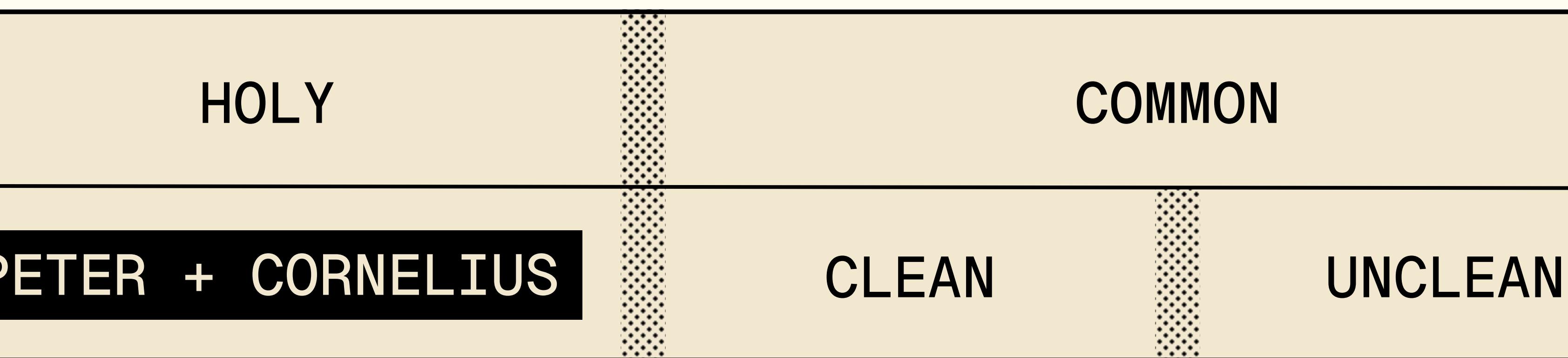
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While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.⁴⁵ The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.⁴⁶ For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

ACTS 10:44-46 NIV

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...just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

EPHESIANS 5:25B-27 NIV

...remember that at that time you were **separate** from Christ,
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EPHESIANS 2:12 NIV

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But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been
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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**.

EPHESIANS 2:13,19-22 NIV

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You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the **good news of peace** through Jesus Christ, who is **Lord of all**.

ACTS 10:36 NIV