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Yes and No! God gives you your faith to believe in Christ. We would not believe alone!

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He, himself is our peace. He made Jew & Gentile One. He broke down the hostile wall...

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HE reconciled (brought together) both (Jew/Gentile/one and God) via Cross. No hostility!

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