

SERMON NOTES — November 22, 2020

THANKSGIVING & TEARS (Ezra 3)

2 Chronicles 3:3-9 — Around 970 BC, Israel's King Solomon overlaid the inside of the original temple with pure _____ and adorned the temple with precious _____.

2 Chronicles 36:15-20 — In 586 BC, what did the Babylonians do to God's temple?

Ezra 3

The Jews who had recently returned to Jerusalem rebuilt God's altar first. What did they rebuild next?

When the foundation was laid, what did the priests and the Levites do (verses 10-11)?

How did the people respond (verse 11)?

But many of the older priests and Levites and family heads, who remembered the former temple, responded differently. What did they do (verse 12)?

The Jews who began to rebuild God's temple experienced both _____ and _____ at the same time.

- Why did the Jerusalem church in Acts 12 likely experience this same mix of emotions?

Romans 8:17 — Followers of Christ are called to share in his _____.

Philippians 4:4 — Followers of Christ are called to _____ in the Lord always!

Romans 12:15 — Followers of Christ are called to _____ with those who rejoice and _____ with those who mourn.

How do we do Thanksgiving during a pandemic?