

Afternoon Session

Text: Ephesians 2

Title: "Built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit" Ephesians 2:22

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¹⁸ For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

¹⁹ Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,

²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*,

²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:17-22

A. THE MINISTRY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.

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Ephesians 2:17-18

1. The Message of the Lord Jesus Christ

- a) The Kingdom of Heaven/ God
- b) It is at hand
- c) Everyone is welcome

2. What is required to gain entrance?

- a) Genuine Repentance
- b) True Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ
- c) Born again through the help of the Holy Spirit
- d) A new life in the Lord Jesus Christ commences

3. The Message of Peace

- a) Peace with God
- b) Peace between Jew and Gentile

4. Happy Consequences

- a) Through the Lord Jesus
- b) We have access to God the Father
- c) By the Holy Spirit

B. A GLORIOUS NEW ENTITY CREATED

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Ephesians 2:19-22

1. Believing Gentiles

- a) No longer strangers
- b) And foreigners
- c) But fellow citizens with the saints
- d) And members of the household of God

2. The Dwelling Place of God

- a) The foundations

“Having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets”

- b) The Cornerstone

“Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*”

- c) A holy Temple
 - i) “In whom the whole building”
 - ii) “Being fitted together”
 - iii) “Grows into a holy temple in the Lord”
- d) In whom you also are being built together
- e) For a dwelling place of God in the Spirit

3. In the Spirit

- a) The external
- b) The internal
- c) The spiritual

4. Remembering the Promise of the Lord

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

¹⁹ And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

Matthew 16:17-19

APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. Deeper appreciation of the Church
2. Doing our part for the Church of the Lord
3. Learning to love the Church