



A Holy Temple in the Lord

9th in the “Ephesians” Series

Ephesians 2:19-22

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Introduction

In this passage, we are provided with a beautiful summary of the people of God, the church.

The graces of the gospel have done many glorious things for God’s people.

1) Christians are no longer outsiders to God’s covenant or “strangers” to God (v. 19).

2) Christians are “citizens” in the Kingdom of God (v. 19).

Ephesians 2:15-18 – ¹⁵ ...His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

3) Christians are adopted as “members” of the Family of God (v. 19).

4) Christians are “being built together” to become the Temple of God (vv. 20-22).

1 Peter 2:5, 9-10 – ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ... ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reflection: Why does the church described by this text not fully look like the church we see in the world today?

- The church that we see, including our local church, is still in the process of “being built.”
- The church, like the individual Christian, contains both the “already” and the “not yet.”

Response

Lord, continue to build us and add others to your church – your kingdom, family, and temple!

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues that need clarification together.

- 1) In what ways is God present with his people now, both personally and in the church?

- 2) What is the significance that you, as a Christian, are a “citizen” in the Kingdom of God and a “member” in the family of God (v. 19)?

- 3) How is your Kingdom citizenship similar to, yet different from, your American citizenship? And how is your life in God’s family similar but also different from your life in your biological family?

- 4) What are the differences between the Old Covenant temple in Jerusalem (e.g., the holy “place”) and the New Covenant temple (e.g., the holy “people” – the church), and why is it important for the spiritual lives of Christians today (vv. 20-22)?

- 5) Since the foundation of the church, the temple of God, is Christ along with his Word (“apostles and prophets”), in what ways must true and faithful churches today be centered on Christ and his Word?

- 6) Read Revelation 5:6-10 and 21:1-3. How do these texts show the final stage of the biblical progression of the temple of God? What will it be like to participate and worship in the New Creation temple with all of God’s people from every place and age?

- 7) In what other ways, if any, did this passage speak into your life to teach, rebuke, correct, or train you in righteousness (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16)?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week’s text: 1 Corinthians 3:16 (Mon); 1 Timothy 3:15 (Tues); 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (Wed); Matthew 16:19 (Thurs); Acts 20:28 (Fri).