

"No Longer Strangers: Part of God's Family"

Ephesians 2:19-22

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1. The _____ of Citizenship: Vs. 19a

Vs. 19a: So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow **citizens** with the saints...

Phil. 3:20: But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 11:16: But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a **heavenly one**. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

2. The _____ of Family: Vs. 19b

Vs. 19: So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and **members of the household of God**,

Matthew 6:9b: "Our Father in Heaven..."

Ephesians 1:4b-6: In love he predestined **us for adoption** to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

1 Timothy 5:1-2: Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.

Galatians 3:26: for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, **through faith...**

3. The _____ of the Building: Vs. 20-22

A. The _____

Vs. 20a: built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

Eph. 4:11: And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers...

Acts 2:42: And they devoted themselves **to the apostles' teaching** and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

B. The _____

Vs. 20b-21: Christ Jesus himself being the **cornerstone**, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

Acts 4:11-12: This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has **become the cornerstone**. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

C. The _____

Vs. 22: In him **you also are being built together** into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

1 Peter 2:4-5a: As you come to him, a **living stone** rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like **living stones** are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Revelation 7:9-10: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"