

L74 | Ephesians | "Holy Temple in the Lord and Habitation of God" | Eph. 2:19-22

I. Intro/Review:

- The household of God
 - Past - Israel - aliens - earth
 - Now - Body - citizens - heavenly places
- Davidic Covenant
 - Doctrine of The Christ - proceed from David's bowels
 - Build a house (not physical - spiritual (government))
 - Prophecy - from foundation of the world - holy priesthood, royal nation
 - Earthly Gov't
- Mystery of Christ
 - Doctrine of The Christ - Paul's gospel - seed of David
 - Build a house (not physical - spiritual (government))
 - Mystery - hid until revealed to Paul - body of Christ
 - Heavenly Gov't
- Summary - Christ would be identified with man that man may be identified in Christ

II. Preview:

- The Nature of His Household
 - Those redeemed to reign with Him
 - You are an habitation of God through the Spirit

III. Sermon:

**And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;
{Eph 2:20}**

- **"and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets"**
 - What is the foundation of the apostles and prophets?
 - Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone
 - Rock (Deut. 32:4-5, 15, 18, 30-31; 1 Cor. 10:4)
 - Stone (Ps. 118:22 - "stone which the builders rejected")
 - Isa. 28:16; Matt. 21:42; Acts 4:11
 - 1 Pet. 2:4, 6-8 (Isa. 8:14)
 - Rom. 9:30-33
 - The person and work of Christ
 - Acts 2:22-36
 - Acts 3:12-26
 - Acts 4:5ff (rulers), 8-12

- Hebrews 2:9-18; Heb. 6:1
- Rom. 1:1-5; 2 Tim. 2:7-8; 1 Cor. 3:9-11; 2 Tim. 2:19
- Php. 2:5-11
- **"of the apostles and prophets"**
 - 1 Cor. 12:28 - first apostles, secondarily prophets
 - Rom. 16:7; Gal. 1:17 - apostles before Paul
 - OT - prophets and apostles
 - Two tiers of apostles -
 - Those sent directly by Christ - the 12 and then Paul
 - 1 Cor. 15:7, 9
 - Those sent out indirectly - by the 12 and Paul
 - 1 Cor. 4:9 - us the apostles last
 - Means - preach and teach | 1 The. 2:13
 - Col. 1:28-29 - "whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: whereunto I also labour, striving according to His working, which worketh in me mightily."
 - 1 Tim. 2:7 - "whereunto I am ordained a preacher, and an apostle, (I speak the truth in Christ, and lie not;) a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and verity."
 - 2 Tim. 1:11 - "whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles."
 - Response to that teaching
 - Faith toward God, and
 - Confession/profession toward man (Jesus the Christ is the Lord)
 - 1 Cor. 12:3
 - Rom. 10:8-13
 - Php. 2:9-11
 - 1 Tim. 6:12
- **Summary -**
 1. Jesus Christ the Lord is the foundation and death, burial, and resurrection in regard to sin
 2. The preaching and teaching of that by the apostles and prophets
 3. We, as those "in Christ", that have responded by faith to that word of truth are God's building
 4. We becomes a part of His household, fellow-citizens

**In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
{Eph 2:21}**

- **"in whom"** - Christ
- **"all the building"**
 - That which God was doing in "time past"

- That which God is doing "but now"
- Those redeemed by the redemption in Christ Jesus by grace through faith become the spiritual house
- Become the household
- Become part of the family of God (the sons and daughters of God)
- (Eph. 1:10-11 - "...who worketh all things after the counsel of His own will)
- **"fitly framed together"** - God's building; edification - identity in Christ, conformity, transformed, perfection
 - Eph. 4:16 - "the whole body fitly joined together"
 - To join closely together; to frame together
 - Joined to the foundation - joined to another
- **"groweth"**
 - Eph. 4:15 - "speaking the truth in love may grow up into Him"
 - Col. 1:10 - "...increasing in the knowledge of God"
 - Col. 2:16 - "increase with the increase of God"
 - 1 Pet. 2:2 - "sincere milk of the word, grow thereby"
- **"unto an holy temple in the Lord:"** - 2 Sam. 7:5 (Ps. 23:6 - dwelling in the house of the Lord forever)
 - What does the building fitly framed together grow unto?
 - **"an holy temple in the Lord:"**
 - "holy" - Eph. 1:4, 13, 4:30
 - "temple" - 1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19; 2 Cor. 6:16
 - OT temple - 1 Cor. 9:13 - holy things - separated by the law
 - Jn. 4:20-24 - Samaritan woman
 - Jn. 15:26-27, 16:13
 - 1 Cor. 2:
 - 2 Cor. 3
 - Rom. 5
 - Rom. 8
 - "the mystery among the Gentiles" - Christ in you - the hope of glory
 - Col. 1:25-29
 - By His Spirit that you have, that dwells in you, He communicates with your spirit to furnish you and thus furnish His temple one day to adorn outwardly, to manifest and reveal His hidden glorious work in you.
 - **Summary** - the heaven and earth are the Lord's and the fulness thereof
 - Grown, complete, perfect; that is, those redeemed filled with the knowledge of Christ
 - "habitation of God through the Spirit."
 - The Israel of God is an habitation of God through the Spirit to reconcile the earth
 - The body of Christ is an habitation of God through the Spirit to reconcile the

heavenly places

**In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.
{Eph 2:22}**

- **"in whom ye also"** - in Christ these Gentiles
- **"are builded together"** - you are God's building, you are part of this "holy temple in the Lord"
 - God's work in Christ - Christ in you that you may be His habitation
- **"for an habitation of God through the Spirit"**
 - A home from God and for God, that is, our inner man - through the Spirit
 - Rom. 8
 - 1 Cor. 2
 - Col. 1
 - Php. 3:3
 - 2 Cor. 6:16 - I will dwell in them, and walk in them"
 - 2 Cor. 3 - Spirit of the Lord
 - Jer. 31:31ff
 - Jn. 14:23, 17:21-23
 - The preeminent feature of the dispensation of the grace of God is Gentiles being built up for an habitation of God through the Spirit.
 - Confusion with identity to that of growth.
 - 2 Cor. 9 - all grace abound toward you
 - 2 Tim. 3:17 - furnished
 - Col. 1 - unto all pleasing

IV. Conclusion:

- The mystery of Christ - the unsearchable riches of Christ - all men see and the principalities and powers in the heavenly places
 - Shew to the hp before the shew on earth