

(2023) The Household of God, Edification, & Edifying

I. Intro:

- Understanding what you are a part of provides identity, purpose, and the knowledge of where it all originated.
 - I want to refresh our understanding of "godly edifying".

II. Preview:

1. The Household of God
 1. What is it?
 2. How do we become a part of it?
2. Edification
 1. The process of God building us up
3. Edifying
 1. The role we have in God's building

III. Sermon:

1. The Household of God

- Ephesians 2:19 - "Now therefore ye are not more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;"

1. What is it?

- **"household"** - those who belong to a family
 - Imagery

2. How do you become part of this family?

- **Regeneration** - Titus 3:5 - "washing of regeneration"
 - "purifying" - Titus 2:14
 - "with the washing of water by the word" - Eph. 5:26
 - "quickenning" - Eph. 2:5 - "quickenning us together with Christ"
 - Dead to alive
- **Christ** - the chief corner stone - Eph. 2:20
 - Redemption - Faith in the blood of Christ - Eph. 1:7
 - You are built upon Christ - you become a brick, a stone of the building
- **"in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:"** - Eph. 2:21

- The entire building that Christ is building upon Himself and in Himself is an holy temple.
- A building where He dwells, a building where God will dwell - corporately by individually
- **"in whom ye also are builded together" - Eph. 2:22**
 - These once Gentiles in the flesh believers are builded together for this "holy temple in the Lord".
 - For what? - "for an habitation of God through the Spirit"
 - **"habitation"** - a place to dwell; a place of abode - where one abides; a settled dwelling
 - Our bodies become His habitation through the Spirit
 - Matt. 12:6 - Christ is greater than the physical temple
 - John 2:19, 21 - Christ speaks of Himself as a temple
 - Christ in you is better than having a physical temple to go to
 - 1 Cor. 3:16 - "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God; and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"
 - 1 Cor. 6:19 - "your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost"
 - 2 Cor. 6:16 - "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."
 - Rom. 6:6 - "...that the body of sin might be destroyed..."
 - Rom. 6:12 - sin can still reign in your mortal body, but it can be disobeyed by walking after the Spirit
 - Rom. 8:5-11 - Spirit dwell - to have a habitation for some time or permanence
 - We permanently have the Spirit
 - Therefore, we can walk after the Spirit
- **Summary**
 - When we become "regenerated" "through the redemption in Christ Jesus" "by grace through faith" we are built upon the chief cornerstone of Christ and become part of God's building.
 - All the fulness of God dwells in Christ, thus He makes us fit to receive His fulness in Christ - we become part of this building and grow unto an holy temple in the Lord.

- We become His habitation through the Spirit which He gives and thus we have when we believe in the gospel of the grace of God.

2. **Edification** - the process of God building His holy temple in Christ and His habitation

1. The process of God building

- 1 Corinthians 3:9 - "ye are God's building"
 - Marked by the Spirit of God
 - Romans 5:5 - "Holy Ghost which is given unto us."
 - Romans 8:8 - "...Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His."
- The Spirit of God is complete - nothing more can be added and nothing can be taken away
 - Therefore, having the Spirit of God you have all sufficiency (2 Cor. 3:3-6, 17-18),
 - Having the Spirit you have life (Eph. 1:13, Tit. 1:2, Gal. 3:14, 21)
 - 1 Corinthians 2:9-16
- Yet, just because we have the Spirit of God means we know and understand all that the Spirit has.
 - In the infancy stage of the dispensation of grace there was spiritual gifts (early nourishment)
 - Then the perfect would come (the word of God) that promotes faith, hope, charity (present nourishment)
 - In the future a body fully developed to bear a new environment (future nourishment).
 - When we are delivered (Rom. 8)
 - Having the Spirit of God doesn't mean your spirit knows everything and knowing what you ought to is the means of growth
 - In fact, what you have in your spirit are thoughts of the world
 - You need a "renewed mind"
 - You need different "affections", affections are generated from either the flesh or the mind and can work together (Eph. 2)
- Growing, perfection (perfecting), filling
 - The Spirit of God communicates and teaches our spirit
 - Rom. 8:16
 - 1 Cor. 2
 - The Spirit of God communicates the image of Christ to us
 - 2 Cor. 3
 - Rom. 8
 - Eph. 3:17
 - Col. 1:28-29, 3:9-10

- Eph. 4:15-24
- Word of Christ - Col. 3:16
- Filled with Spirit - Eph. 5:18
 - Understanding - Eph. 5:17, Col. 1:9
- "the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" - Eph. 4:13

- Growing takes place from the nourishment of God's Word

3. Edifying

- Taking God's Word to build each other up
- 1 Cor. 1 - perfectly joined together
- Php. 2
- Eph. 4

IV. Conclusion:

- Purpose - Col. 1:27 - "Christ in you, the hope of glory"
 - Col. 3:1-4 -
 - Col. 3:11 -