

February 1st – WEEK 5

ESTABLISHED: BUILT TOGETHER BY GOD

Text: Ephesians 2:19–22 (KJV)

Theme: God establishes His people by building them together

¹⁹Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;²⁰And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;²¹In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:²²In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

I. ESTABLISHMENT CHANGES IDENTITY (v.19)

Paul begins by reminding them who they are *now*.

Established people know where they belong.

Faith is not floating. Faith is family.

Live as family, not spectators.

Growth happens when people stop hovering at the door and step fully into the house.

II. EVERY HOUSE HAS A FOUNDATION (v.20)

Paul is clear: The foundation is already laid.

No church gets to choose a new foundation.

No generation gets to redefine the cornerstone.

Programs cannot sustain a church. Personalities cannot sustain a church.

Only Christ can.

III. GOD CARES HOW THE PIECES FIT (v.21)

"Fitly framed together..."

This speaks of intentional placement.

Every stone matters. Every believer matters. Every role matters.

Established churches value alignment over activity, unity over uniformity and connection over isolation

Serve in alignment, not competition.

Being busy is not the same as being built. Alignment matters more than activity.

Maturity includes learning how to connect without competing.

IV. WE ARE BUILT FOR GOD'S PRESENCE (v.22)

"...for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

God is not just building a structure, He is preparing a dwelling.

Established churches do not exist for appearance.

They exist for God's presence.

Churches crumble when God becomes a visitor instead of the resident.

Unity invites presence. Alignment sustains it.

When God dwells among His people, stability follows.