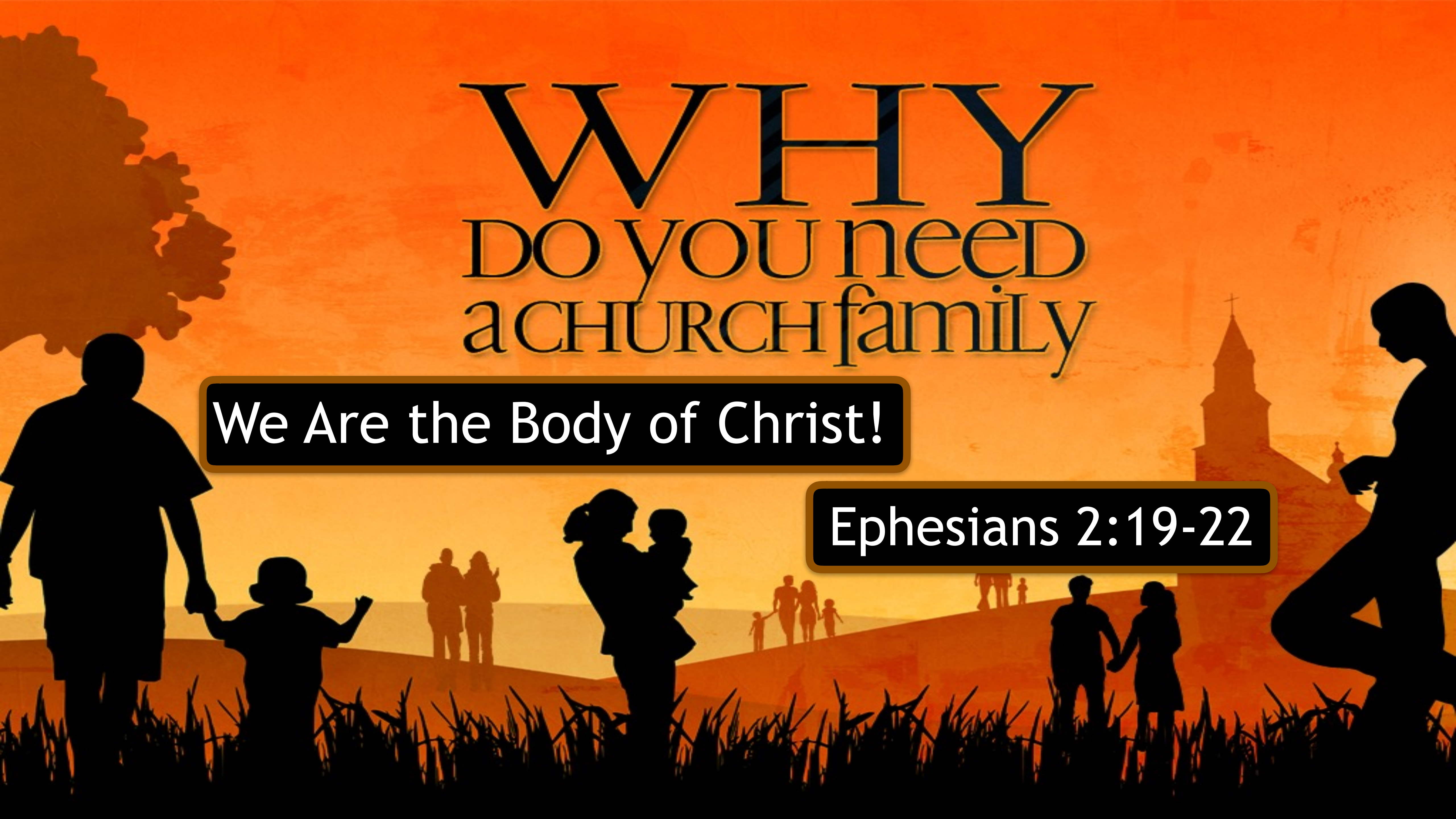


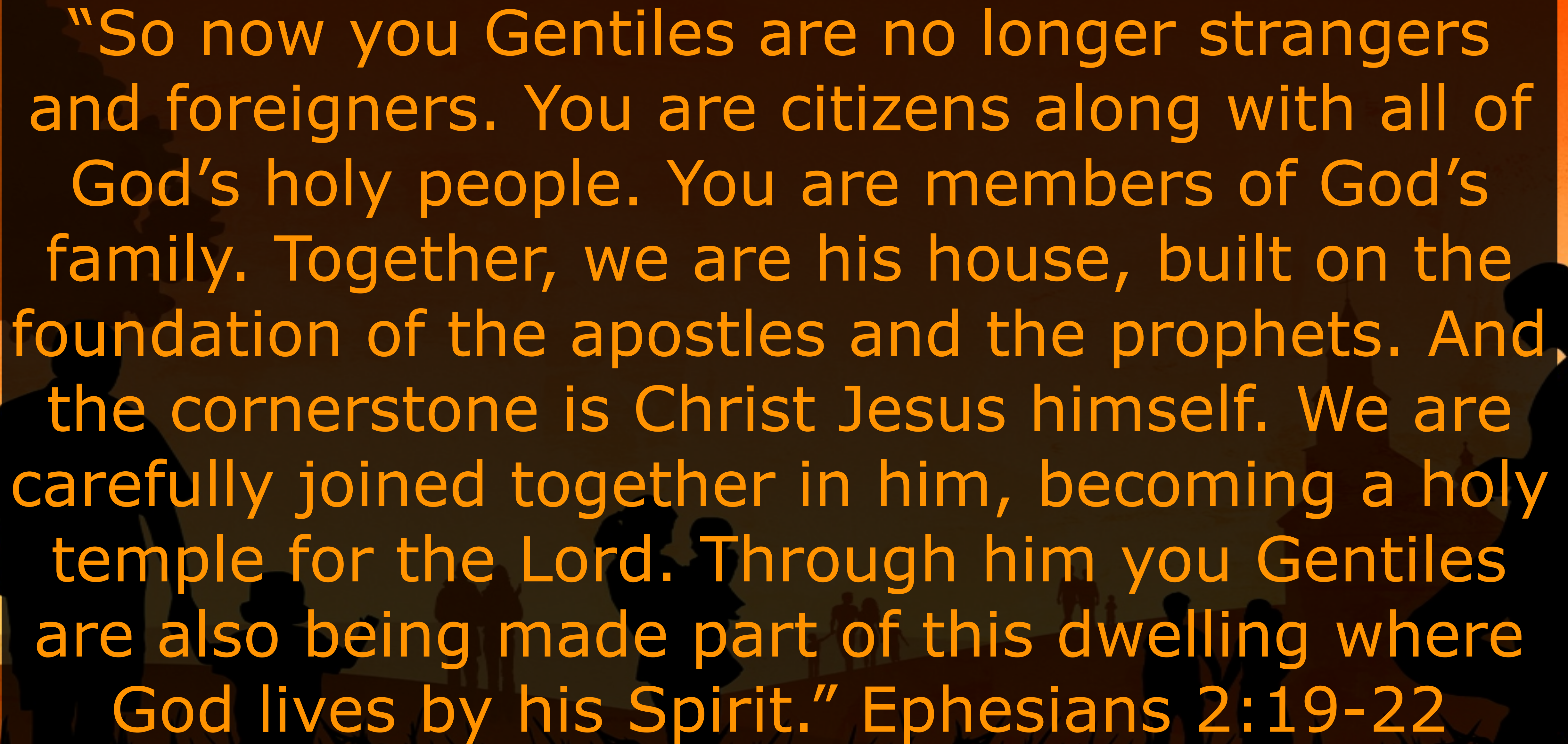
WHY

DO YOU need
a CHURCH family

We Are the Body of Christ!

Ephesians 2:19-22



The background of the image shows a sunset with a warm orange and yellow glow. In the foreground, there are dark silhouettes of people standing in a circle, holding hands, suggesting a community or church gathering. The text is overlaid on this scene in a bright yellow-orange color.

“So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God’s holy people. You are members of God’s family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.” Ephesians 2:19-22

**“You can’t say that you don’t need me.
Likewise, I can’t say that I don’t need you.”**

Paul calls us “members!”

**Greek, melos = literally,
a limb of the body!**



**“Now you are the body of Christ and
individually members of it.” I Cor. 12:27**

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

Romans 12:4, 5

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It's used 100 times in 94 New Testament verses!

It's impossible to be obedient to Christ without a commitment to a local church.

Examples from Ephesians 4

. . . bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Eph. 4:2

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Eph. 4:25

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Eph. 4:32



. . . we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Ephesians 4:15, 16



Revival and the love of God in the local church

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

I Cor. 13:4-8

Our Father, since you are infinitely worthy of praise;
Jesus, since you are King over all things forever;
Spirit, since we believe you have the power to take
the hardest of hearts and minds and show them the
beauty of Jesus and the ugliness of sin, we will go
into all the world, our world. And we will love the
gospel dearly, speak the gospel clearly, and live the
gospel sincerely. For your glory, our joy, and for the
peace of those who will be saved by your grace
because we loved them enough to share.