

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Ephesians 2:19-22

**Suggested Study Questions :**

1. As always, please make observations on: flow of thought, key terms, repeated concepts or most emphasized concepts.
2. What is the relationship of this passage v19-22 to the previous section 11-18?
3. What is the contrast between “strangers” & “aliens” verses “citizens” and “saints”?
4. What is the metaphor of the “corner stone” trying to communicate?
5. What does this passage teach us about the church?

**Ephesians 2:19–22 (NASB95)**

<sup>19</sup> So then,

- you are no longer strangers and aliens,
- but you are fellow citizens with the saints,
- and are of God’s household,

<sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

Christ Jesus Himself being the corner *stone*,

<sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building,

being fitted together,

is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,

<sup>22</sup> in whom you also are

being built together

into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

**Review of Previous Section :**

2:11-22 Is one long paragraph.

1. Last time: 11-18 Revealed the : \_\_\_\_\_
2. A good summary of verse 11-18 is in Verse 13. “But now in Christ Jesus you who **formerly were far off** have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

**1. What is the relationship of this passage v19-22 to the previous section 11-18?**

- a. Chp 2: pt1 You were dead -> made alive.
- b. Chp 2: pt 2 You were far – and have been brought near.
- c. Chp 2: Pt 3

**2. What is the contrast between “strangers” & “aliens” verses “citizens with saints” and “Household”? *\*forgot to include the word household in original question. Sorry!***

a. Stranger & Aliens :

b. Citizen

c. Household

**3. What is the metaphor of the “corner stone” trying to communicate?**

a. Built, being fitted, being built.

b. The corner stone idea

**4. What does this passage teach us about the church?****a. BEING BUILT -****Conclusion:****Discussion Question :**

1. The metaphors here are used elsewhere to give either instructions or to teach attitude towards the church. Please discuss what are the implications of the attitude we should have or the way we should conduct ourselves in the church.
  - a. Citizen
  - b. Household
  - c. Temple/ Dwelling of God.
2. Have you ever judged / criticized the church (general or our own)? How does today's passage affect the way we assess our local church/ churches?
3. What are some ways right now that you can observe the glories of God in the church? What are encouragements that help you be more aware of the presence of God?
4. What are some general take-aways about why the church is so significant to our current lives?

**Next Week's Passage and Study Questions : Ephesians 3:1-13 Pt 1 (1-7)****Suggested Study Questions :**

1. As always, please make observations on: flow of thought, key terms, repeated concepts or most emphasized concepts.
2. Please note that v1, Paul is beginning a thought about his intentions for the gentiles, but breaks for a parenthetical statement from v2-13. Please read all of v2-13 and note the content of the section.
3. Focus on 1-7 : 1. v2 Begins with an "If indeed" what does Paul want to establish or make sure here?
4. What does mystery mean? Please see a word study ([Blueletterbible.org](http://Blueletterbible.org))
5. What is the content of the mystery?
6. What is Paul's perspective upon receiving the mystery?