

EPH 2:19-22

→ THE BUILDING THAT DELIGHTS GOD (22)

"THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD" (19)

THESE WHO WERE "FAR OFF" ARE NOW MADE
"NIGH" — NO LONGER "STRANGERS" & SOJOURNERS

STRANGER = (FOREIGNER OR ALIENS)

SOJOURNERS = "A MERE TRAVELER" — PASSING
THROUGH —

"NOW"

→ ALL ARE "FELLOWCITIZENS" — MEMBERS
OF THE "COMMONWEALTH" OF GOD —

"WITH"

ALL THE RIGHTS OF "CITIZENSHIP" —

"AND"

"CONSIDERED A "HOUSEHOLD" OF GOD"

(A "FAMILY" & "FAMILY MEMBERS" OF
"THE FATHER")

AND THE MEMBERS CO-EQUAL (BEING)

GOD'S CHILDREN & SONS —

"OVER"

— WHAT DOES THIS TELL US ABOUT OURSELVES —

- ① THAT WE ARE A PEOPLE — WHO ARE^U
- ② "SEPARATED FROM" & "MADE DISTINCT"
— FROM ALL OTHERS —

① — I AM A CITIZEN OF THE KINGDOM OF
GOD —

"SEPARATED"
FROM "THE WORLD" — & — "LONGING"
— "TO LIVE FOR GOD" —

- ② WE ARE A PEOPLE — WHO ARE —
"BOUND TOGETHER" —
"BY"

("A COMMON ALLEGIANCE TO GOD")

JESUS SAID: "I COME TO DO THE
FATHERS WILL"

"SO"
OUR "DESIRE" & "DEDICATION" "IS"
TO PLEASE THE FATHER — "IN"
— ALL THINGS —

("THIS IS OUR COMMON INTEREST; TOGETHER")

↳ CORPORATELY "A BUILDING"
WHERE CHRIST DWELLS

— A BUILDING THAT DELIGHTS GOD —

↳ WE ARE THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD —

① WITH FELLOWSHIP —

① OUR COMMON GROUND —

— THE BLOOD OF CHRIST —

— (WASHED & WELCOMED IN) —

② OUR COMMON GOAL —

"TO BE A GOOD CITIZEN" — & —

MAKE — OUR FATHER — PROUD —

THIS INVOLVES:

③ OUR COMMON GUIDE — (HOLY SPIRIT)

① CONFIRMS OUR CITIZENSHIP —

② CONTROLS OUR LIFE —

SECURE — WORSHIP —

NEEDS — SERVICE

⑧ OUR FOUNDATION - (20)

PAUL DESCRIBES THE CHURCH ... AS ...
"A GLORIOUS BUILDING" ... THAT RESTS
"UPON"

— A MAGNIFICENT FOUNDATION —

① THE APOSTLES & PROPHETS —

"THE ARTICLE" — NAMES THEM —
"ONE CLASS"

THOSE THAT PROPHECIED OF THE
"SAVING TRUTHS" — OF THE —
"MESSIAH" — "JESUS CHRIST"

② THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE —

(GOD HAS LAID CHRIST AS THE
FOUNDATION — (1 COR 3:11))

"FOR NO MAN CAN LAY A FOUNDATION —
OTHER THAN THE ONE — WHICH IS
LAID — WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST"

CHRIST IS VIEW AS THE ENTIRE
FOUNDATION >

— THE CHURCH IS BUILT — & RESTS
— ON HIM ALONE —

“THUS”

— CHRIST IS THE “DETERMINING FACTOR”
“IN THE REVELATION” IN THE SCRIPTURE
OF BOTH TESTAMENTS —

THAT IS:

— OLD TESTAMENTS “PROPHETS” — &
NEW TESTAMENT “APOSTLES” —

THUS:

— “CHRIST” — THE CORNERSTONE — “HOLDS”
THE ENTIRE BUILDING TOGETHER —

WHICH IS:

THE CHURCH — THE FELLOW CITIZENS

— THE FELLOWSHIP — THE FAMILY —

OF GOD +

© THE FAMILY —

— BY VIRTUE — OF THE NEW BIRTH — BOTH
JEW & GENTILE, BOND & FREE, MALE &
FEMALE — BECOME “FULL-FLEDGED” —
MEMBERS — OF GOD’S FAMILY —

— ABRAHAM’S SPIRITUAL DESCENDANTS —

— “HEIRS” OF THE NEW COVENANT —

(CHILDREN OF THE LIVING GOD)

(THE ROYAL FAMILY OF HEAVEN)

II] WE HAVE A NEW HABITATE - HOUSEHOLD

(A) ITS FRAMEWORK - (2)

- IN EPHESIANS - THE CHURCH IS COMPARED TO A BODY, A BUILDING, & A BRIDE -

"IN THE LORD"

(1) FIGURE -

"FITLY FRAMED TOGETHER"

"SYMBOLIZES"

"INTIMATE UNION" - TOGETHER -
WITH CHRIST -

"WHICH IS A NECESSARY CONDITION"
WITH CHRIST

(2) REALITY -

- "GROWTH" UNTO AN "HOLY"

"TEMPLE" - "IN THE LORD"

THE CHURCH - IS SET APART -
FOR GOD -

IT BELONGS TO HIM --- CONSECRATED,
FOR HIS USE --- "SO"

--- IT CAN ONLY BE USED FOR --- "HIS"
"SERVICE" --- "SACRED TO HIM" ---
--- AND "HIM", GOD; ALONE
"SO"

Ⓑ ITS FUNCTION - (22)

"BUILT TOGETHER" --- THAT IS -
"GOD"

DWELLING IN YOU --- "COLLECTIVELY"

--- "ARE HIS TEMPLE" ---

"A"

HABITATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ---

"THUS"

MAKING US TOGETHER --- A HABITATION
--- OF GOD --- "OR"

THE CHURCH: "

ONE UNVISIBLE BOND ---

"UNITES US": --- THE HOLY SPIRIT --- WHO'S WORK

RUNS THROUGH THE HEART --- OF EACH

BELIEVER --- TOGETHER --- WE FORM

--- "THE CHURCH"

- THE CHURCH -

[THE FUNCTIONING ^W BODY OF CHRIST]
- ON EARTH -

"NOT" A LOCAL BUILDING -
WHERE OUR RELIGIOUS "IDOLS" ARE KEPT -
"BUT"

A VAST SPIRITUAL BODY OF THE
REDEEMED - WHERE IN - RESIDES
- THE HOLY SPIRIT -

JOHN 17:23

✓
"THE PROMISES OF GOD" ARE MANIFESTED.

(MATT 18:20)

FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE
GATHERED IN MY NAME - "I AM" IN
THE MIDST - OF THEM -

- ① THE PEOPLE - (THE CHURCH)
- ② THE PURPOSE - (IN MY NAME) ^{CHRIST}
- ③ THE PROMISE - (I AM IN THE MIDST)
"EQUALS"
- THE POWER OF GOD - AT WORK

EPH 3:1-12

- THE CALL & COMMISSION OF PAUL -

PAUL SUDDENLY PAUSES = (VS 1-12)
"INTERRUPTING" -- "THE FLOW" OF HIS
"THEME" -- "TO INSERT" -- "AN ACCOUNT
OF
- HIS PERSONAL MINISTRY -

HIS CALLING -- HIS OFFICE -- &
THE OBJECTIVE & PURPOSE -- (OF IT)

NOTICE: "THE CALL"

① HIS HUMILITY - ②

② HE NEVER TOOK "ANY PART" OF PRAISE
FOR HIMSELF -- "PRISONER"
(REPRESENTATIVE)

③ IN A SENSE -- HE CHERISHED HIS
UNWORTHINESS & GUILT -- --
- (LESS THAN THE LEAST) -- --
- (CHIEF OF SINNERS) --

② HIS HONOR - (VS 1) (PRISONER)

(WHO GOD HAS BOUNDED)

③ BELONGING TO CHRIST --

④ FOR CHRIST SAKE --

③ HIS HOMAGE - 11-12

"ALL FOR THE PURPOSE OF CHRIST"

"SO FAINT NOT"

FOR "IN CHRIST" -- THE RECONCILED

"CHILD OF GOD" -- HAS A RIGHT

OF -- "SPEAKING TO CHRIST"

(WITHOUT RESERVATIONS)

"BOLDNESS" 12

BECAUSE:

OUR FAITH IS OF
HIM --

"SO"

NOTE:

THE COMMISSION & COMMITMENT

THAT WAS TRUSTED TO ME --

GOD MADE KNOWN -- UNTO ME --

THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST --

VS 3

PAUL'S OBJECTIVE HERE:

— TO BRING THE EPHESIAN
CHURCH "CHRISTIANS" THAT THEY
MUST "GRASP" WHAT GOD HAS DONE
"THROUGH" HIS APOSTLE "SO"
THEY WILL "NOT STUMBLE" BECAUSE
OF HIS IMPRISONMENT —

THAT IS:

LOOK AT GOD THROUGH THE PERSON
— GOD CHOOSES TO USE —

I] THE TRUTH ENTRUSTED TO PAUL (2-4)

① AS A STEWARD — ②

THE WORD "DISPENSATION" COMES FROM
A WORD MEANING = STEWARDSHIP
(THESE GREAT TRUTHS)

PAUL WAS MADE A ~~OR~~ —
① CUSTODIAN OF —

— THEY WERE ENTRUSTED TO HIM —

THIS NOBLE HONOR WAS GIVEN TO ME
"SO" — I COULD —

① COMMUNICATE TO YOU - ②
"TOWARD YOU"

"THE MYSTERY" - ③

"THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST" - ④

⑤ IT CAME TO ME BY REVELATION - ③

"THIS MYSTERY" - "THIS TRUTH"

"CAN NEVER BE ATTAINED" - "BY"

THE UNAIDED HUMAN INTELLECT

IT COMES:

⑥ ONLY BY REVELATION - THAT IS:

GIVEN ONLY BY GOD - DIRECTLY

⑦ IT COMES BY REVELATION -

IF YOU BELIEVE - AND RECEIVE
CHRIST AS SAVIOR & LORD -

PAUL IS SAYING:

IT CAME - "THAT IS" - "THIS TRUTH"

- TO YOUR HEART - "DIRECTLY"

FROM GOD TO YOU

PRAISE THE LORD - "HE COMMUNICATED
TO ME" - PERSONALLY -

REVEALED HIMSELF - SPOKE TO MY HEART -
- DIRECTLY + PERSONALLY -

③ COMMITTED TO ME - ④

"THAT YOU MAY UNDERSTAND"

"MY KNOWLEDGE" WHICH -

- IS WHAT GOD WILL GIVE TO YOU -

- THIS MYSTERY - - "IS"

(THIS IS - "THE AGE OF GRACE")

"THIS DISPENSATION OF GRACE WAS GIVEN"
WHICH IS:

☑ THE TRUTH EXPOUNDED TO THEM -

⑥-7
PAUL DOES THIS - HERE BY USING
THE WORD "FELLOW" 3 TIMES -

FELLOW-HEIRS - ⑥

FELLOW-MEMBERS - (SAME BODY) ⑥

FELLOW-PARTAKERS - (OF HIS PROMISES
IN CHRIST) ⑥

(A) FELLOW - HEIRS -

- GENTILES WITH THE JEWS -
- WHICH MEANS:

(1) ALL THE PROMISES GOD MADE
TO THE JEWS (IN O.T.) ARE
"NOW" MADE TO THE GENTILES -

(2) THEY HAVE THE SAME POSITION
IN GOD'S WILL -

(TO HAVE ALL GOD HAS - FOR YOU)

(3) THEY HAVE THE SAME BENEFIT
FROM GOD'S COVENANT -

(BLESSING)

(NEVER LEAVE YOU - NOR FORSAKE YOU)

(4) FELLOW - MEMBERS - (THE SAME BODY)

- YOU CAN'T BE AMONG THEIR "WITHOUT"

BEING A SON - "BUT"

HERE - PAUL SAYS "MEMBERS"

"OF THE FAMILY" -

WE, ALL, JOINED TOGETHER -

AS ONE FAMILY -

- THERE IS NO DISTINCTION -- ANY LONGER --
SEW + GENTILE; BOND + FREE; MALE + FEMALE
"ALL" -- RACE, CREED, COLOR --

MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY = ONE TOGETHER

① FELLOW-PARTAKERS --
TOGETHER -- OF "THE PROMISE"

① THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM -- MIGHT
COME -- ON THE GENTILES (GAL 3:14)

② THAT WE MAY RECEIVE THE PROMISE
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT -- BY FAITH --

"FELLOW-PARTAKERS" -- BY THE GOSPEL --
IN CHRIST --

LOOKING FORWARD TO:

- ① THE RESURRECTED, GLORIFIED BODY --
- ② THE NEW HEAVENS + NEW EARTH --
- ③ REIGNING WITH CHRIST -- AS HIS --
BRIDE --

THIS IS WHAT GOD HAD
PLANNED. -- FROM THE BEGINNING -- (9)

III] FOR THE ENABLEMENT OF THE CHURCH -

NOTE: "THE INTENT" (10)

THE PRINCIPALITIES & POWERS IN
HEAVENLY PLACES - "MIGHT BE KNOWN"
"BY"

THE CHURCH - "THE MANIFOLD"
"WISDOM OF GOD" -

WISDOM = "MANY - COLORS"

IT HAS

A COMPLEX (INFINITELY -
DIVERSIFIED -)

- NATURE IS INEXHAUSTIBLE -

"IT"

ENABLES US - TO TRUST HIM -

- BY FAITH "FROM" "OF" HIM - (12)

"TO KNOW"

(A) THE MEANINGFUL PURPOSES
OF GOD - (11)

(1) GOD'S PLANS - - WHICH CENTER

IN THE CHURCH -- ARE A PART OF --
HIS ETERNAL PURPOSE --

+

(2) GOD'S PROOF -- (11) (PURPOSE IN CHRIST)
THROUGH THE CROSS -- HE (GOD)
DISPLAYED -- HIS WISDOM -- HIS POWER
-- HIS LOVE --

"TO"

FALLEN MANKIND --

(B) THE MARVELOUS LOVE OF GOD -- (12)
(CONFIDENCE)

BOLDNESS = (FREE "OR" FREED)

I KNOW I AM SET FREE --

FROM MY SIN -- FROM SATAN --

TO -- BELONG TO GOD -- HE IS MY

GOD, LORD, REDEEMER,

SAVIOUR --

WHAT LOVE