

# CHURCH

The Home of Grace



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## **Ephesians 2:17-22**

...he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 **For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,** 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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## Fellow citizens

### Galatians 3:26-29

....in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

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## **Fellow citizens**

### **Ephesians 3:6**

This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

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**1 John 3:1**

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.

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**Love - Fellowship - Likeness**

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## **1 Corinthians 3:16-17**

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 17 ..... For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

## **1 Corinthians 6:19**

...do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?



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## **2 Corinthians 3:17-18**

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

## **John 14:23-24**

"If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

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**Jesus is the cornerstone holding it all together**

v20-21 ...Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

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## **1 Kings 8:10-11**

And when the priests came out of the Holy Place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, 11 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

## **Ezekiel 44:4-5**

Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple, and I looked, and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the temple of the Lord. And I fell on my face.

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**The essence of our Ephesians passage is of a joined up human temple where God dwells by his Spirit.**

**Jew + Gentile in Christ**

**= Gods household.**

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## **Ephesians 4:13-16**

...until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.