

## Building with God's Blueprints Ephesians 2:19-22

### I. The Citizens of His Church (v19)

#### A. No Longer Foreigners and Strangers (v19a)

- When you were a foreigner and stranger:
- V13 – you were FAR OFF

#### B. Now Fellow-Citizens and Saints (v19b)

No longer **Dead** – Now **Alive** (In Christ) v1,5.

No longer separated from God – Brought Near (By Christ) v13.

No longer a Foreigner – Now Fellow-Citizen with all the Saints in the Household of God (v19)

- **As a Citizen – You have Rights**
- **As a Citizen – You have Responsibilities.**
- **How you display your Citizenship matters.**

### II. The Construction of His Church

#### A. Built upon the Foundation (v.20a)

- **Eph 4:11-14**

- It is great that we collectively propagate the Word:
  - **But God's church LIVES out the Word.**
  - It is the foundation/bedrock/ground zero of all that we do but individually and corporately.
- Is that true in your life? Are the Scriptures the foundation of everything you do? And how you conduct yourself?

#### B. Built in a Formation (**there is a guide, an organization to the structure**) (v.20b)

- It was the cornerstone that was used to bear the weight of the entire structure and tie the walls together.
- These were often substantial pieces – and the most important!
  - The cornerstone was the place from which you would take all of your other measurements.
  - And the place to which you aligned all other parts.

#### C. Built, but not Finished (v.21)

- **1 Cor 3:9-11**

#### **D. Built for a Function (v.22)**

- When God was in the Garden with Adam – He was dwelling with man.
- God was working to dwell amongst His people to redeem them:
- Christ came – **John 1:14**
- **This is where we are today:**
  - **All the Citizens of Heaven (v19) are being BUILT together for a dwelling place of God's Spirit (V22)**
  - What God Is building in the CHURCH is a foretaste of Eternity:
    - **Rev 21:3**
    - Eternity is where our **CITIZENSHIP/HOME CITY ULTIMATELY** is, but the blessings of that and God's presence **HERE, NOW**

#### **E. Conclusions**

- a. **Do you know the people connected to you in the “model” of the church**
- b. **Are you actively building up the people you are connected with?**
- c. **Are you using all of your potential connections to strengthen the church?**