

CONSEQUENCES OF OUR UNION IN CHRIST  
(Ephesians 2:19-22)

- I. Our New RELATIONSHIP (Eph. 2:19)
  - A. What we are NO LONGER (2:19a)
    - 1. We are not TEMPORARY VISITORS
    - 2. We are not RESIDENT ALIENS
  - B. What we are INSTEAD (2:19b)
    - 1. We are fellow CITIZENS with the SAINTS
    - 2. We are MEMBERS of God's HOUSEHOLD
  
- II. God's New ESTABLISHMENT (Eph. 2:20-22)
  - A. The building's FOUNDATION (2:20)
    - 1. It is built upon "the APOSTLES and PROPHETS"
    - 2. It is built upon the "CORNERSTONE" of "CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF" (cf. Isa. 28:16)
      - a. The cornerstone is the FIRST stone laid

- b. The FOUNDATION stones must be perfectly ALIGNED with the Cornerstone

B. The building's FORMATION (2:21)

- 1. It is "being FITTED TOGETHER"
  - a. This emphasizes the SOVEREIGNTY of the BUILDER
  - b. This indicates the PRIORITY of the CORNERSTONE
  - c. This implies the UNION of the STONES
- 2. It is "GROWING"
  - a. This emphasizes the CONTINUING work of the BUILDER
  - b. This indicates it is not yet COMPLETE
- 3. It is a "HOLY TEMPLE in the LORD"

C. The building's FUNCTION (2:22)

- 1. It establishes our UNION and UNITY with ONE ANOTHER in Christ
- 2. It serves as the RESIDENCE of GOD in the Spirit