

Week 14

"Foundations"

Ephesians 2:19-22

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In the book of Ephesians, Paul has a very exciting story to tell, and it is a foundational story for believers. In Ephesians 2:19, Paul says "you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God". This is the foundation of what our lives, as believers, should be built on. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are loved equally, with no favor given to one over another. We are all fellow citizens with the saints, and members of the house of God! And so, shouldn't we give equal favor and love to those who are seen as equals through the eyes of our Lord and Savior? How do you treat people that are different from you?

Further, in Ephesians 2:20 we learn the household of God has been "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone". And WE HAVE BEEN INVITED to be a member of this household! To live in the Kingdom created for saints and our almighty God. Christ Jesus is the cornerstone of the house of God. His mark is permanently etched there, He is the base of our strength.

This world is temporary. Today, as we face a pandemic for the first time in any of our lives, take a moment as a believer and draw comfort in these next words in Ephesians 2:21-22: "the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit." Let your whole self be filled with the Holy Spirit, and know that it is a privilege to be counted as a unit to make up the temple of God. He lives in us and among us. We are safe, protected, loved and cared for. God is waiting for us, and preparing us for the Kingdom.

Question: What are you building your foundation on? Is it the strength and love of Jesus Christ? Or is something in your way?

Walk it Out: Look at your heart, who do you sit at the table with? Remember, we all have a seat at the same table when we get to the Kingdom.

Prayer: Oh Holy Father, thank you for bringing us, sinners who fail you again and again, into your Kingdom. Thank you Father for filling our hearts with the Holy Spirit, allowing us to pour out your love to brothers and sisters. Father, as we walk this earthly life, thank you for the cornerstone of your son, Jesus Christ, and the sacrifices made so that we may make our way into your Kingdom. Father, we pray for your protection and thank you for your faithfulness. In Jesus' precious and holy name we pray, Amen.