

AN HABITATION OF GOD  
EPH 2:19-22

Introduction:

- A. Until Jesus died on the cross there were two classes of people religiously.
  - 1. Jews.
  - 2. Gentiles.
  
- b. Jesus did all that was necessary to make them one.
  - 1. "are made nigh by the blood of Jesus."
  - 2. "he is our peace."
  - 3. v14-18.
  
- C. God made of two one body.
  - 1. v16.
  - 2. He did this to build Himself an house to live in on earth.
  - 3. Let us examine this building.

I. THERE IS NO SELECT MATERIAL. V19

It will not be Jew or Gentile.

- A. "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners."
  - 1. strangers = ksenos = not of one's own family.
  - 2. foreigners = paroikos = a by-dweller or a foreigner who lives in a place without civil rights, sojourner
  
- B. "but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God."
  - 1. fellow citizens = sumpolites = equal in citizenship.
  - 2. household = oikeis = one's own family.
  
- C. The quarry place is not the "lost sheep of the house of Israel."
  - 1. Matt. 28:18-20; John 3:16.



2. Psalm 2:8 "Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

## II. THE FOUNDATION AND CHIEF CORNER STONE. V20

- A. "and are built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets."
  1. foundation = themelios = placed or laid as a foundation, fundamental.
  2. Prophet = prophetes = a proclaimer of a divine message. (Eph. 3:5).
  
- B. "Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone."
  1. corner stone = akrogoniais = soundation stone or keystone in an archway.
  2. I Peter 2:6.

## III. THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING. V21

- A. "In whom all the building fitly framed together."
  1. In whom = en ho = Jesus Christ!
  2. building = oikodome = building.
  3. fitly framed = sunarmologoumene = pres. pass. part. sunarmologeo to fit together. In construction terms it represents the whole of the elaborate process by which stones are fitted together: the preparation of the surfaces, including the cutting, rubbing, and testing; the preparation of the dowels and the dowel holes, and finally the fitting of the dowels w. molten lead (Robinson, 262). aukso = pres. ind. act. to increase, to grow.
  
- B. "groweth into an holy temple of the Lord."
  1. groweth = aukso to increase, to grow. The present tense indicated the continual development.

2. temple = naos = dwelling, habitation, the interior and most sacred part of "hieron" where the presence of God was manifested.
3. of the lord = Jesus Christ.

#### IV. THE PURPOSE OF THE BUILDING. V22

- A. Why do most church buildings exist?
  1. Vanity of membership.
  2. To meet competition.
  3. Comfort of membership.
  
- B. "In whom ye also are builded together."
  1. in whom = en ho = Jesus Christ.
  2. builded together = sunoikodomeo = to build together, passive, to be built together, that is, together with others, the present tense is used to show that the building is still going on.
  
- C. "for an habitation of God through the Spirit."
  1. habitation = katoiketerion = place of dwelling, a place of settling down, the prep. indicates the goal or intention.
  2. God = theou.
  3. through the Spirit = en pneumati = in spirit.

#### V. THESE CONCLUSIONS MAY BE DRAWN.

- A. God had a place of special dwelling in the Old Testament dispensation.
  1. Tabernacle.
  2. Temple.
  
- B. God has a place of dwelling in the New Testament dispensation.
  1. It is portable like the tabernacle.
  2. It is permanent. v21

- C. The purpose of the church is 100% spiritual.
  - 1. Its foundation is spiritual.
  - 2. Its Head is spiritual.
  - 3. Its members are spiritual.
  - 4. Its mission is spiritual.
  - 5. Its inhabitant is spiritual.
  - 6. It is a spiritual body.
  - 7. Its guide book is spiritual.
  - 8 .Its destiny is spiritual.
  - 9 .It was a spiritual message that won them.

