

## Consequences of the Church's Creation

### Eph. 2:19-22

#### I. A New \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 19)

##### A. Negatively

1. No longer strangers

*This refers to a stranger \_\_\_\_\_ in a foreign land*

2. No longer aliens

*This refers to a \_\_\_\_\_ alien.*

##### B. Positively

1. Fellow citizens with the saints

- a. Fellow citizens

- b. With the saints

2. Of God's household

BDAG: "persons who are related by kinship or circumstances and form a closely knit \_\_\_\_\_, *members of a household.*"

#### II. A New \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 20-22)

##### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the building (v. 20)

1. Apostles and Prophets as \_\_\_\_\_

2. Jesus as \_\_\_\_\_

"In today's world the cornerstone is sometimes positioned into place at the time of the dedication of the building, after its construction is completed. That was not the case in ancient times. The cornerstone was the first stone laid. The builder was very careful to properly set this stone....(The cornerstone) is the primary foundation-stone at the angle of structure by which the architect fixes a standard for the bearing of the walls and cross-walls throughout.' (Lloyd quoted in Hoehner, p. 407) In fact, in Isa 28:16 it is called a testing stone or literally 'a stone of testing.' It is that stone by which every other stone in the foundation and the superstructure must be \_\_\_\_\_. Thus, the building of the new person, the church, must be in \_\_\_\_\_ with the cornerstone, Christ Jesus....The cornerstone was the most \_\_\_\_\_ stone in the whole building. All other

stones were to be in line with it. Christ himself is the living cornerstone and the apostles and the prophets who make up the rest of the foundation needed to be correctly aligned with Christ. All succeeding believers are built on that foundation, causing their lives to be \_\_\_\_\_ with Christ” (Hoehner, p. 407).

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the building (v. 21)

1. A continual \_\_\_\_\_

2. An \_\_\_\_\_ fit

“Notice that it is not \_\_\_\_\_-initiative that causes the growth but the gracious action of \_\_\_\_\_ who fits individual believers with each other and with the foundation and cornerstone” (Hoehner, p. 409).

3. A \_\_\_\_\_ dwelling place of God

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the building (v. 22)

It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

“The relevance to the people of Ephesus is obvious. Before their conversion the Jews thought of God as dwelling in the temple made with \_\_\_\_\_. On the other hand, the Ephesians thought of the goddess Artemis as the one who dwelt in the renowned temple at Ephesus. This temple was one of the seven wonders of the world....These were two diametrically different views of who God was and where he resided. After conversion, both believing Jews and Gentiles must view God and his dwelling place in a drastically differently way. They have been made one new \_\_\_\_\_, growing into a holy temple. God’s abode is in this new creation. Before, both Jews and Gentiles could see the stone buildings in which their God or gods dwelt, but now the true God is dwelling in \_\_\_\_\_, the collective entity called the \_\_\_\_\_” (Hoehner, p. 415).

“Through the blood, the suffering flesh, the cross, and the death of the Lord Jesus Christ, aliens become \_\_\_\_\_, strangers become \_\_\_\_\_, idolaters become the \_\_\_\_\_ of the true God, the hopeless inherit the promises of God, those without Christ become one in Christ, those far off are brought near, and the godless are \_\_\_\_\_ to God” (MacArthur, p. 83).