



## Ephesians: “The Wonder of the Church”

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**Text:** Ephesians 2:19-22

**Main Point:** The new life that we receive through Christ’s reconciling work is a life to be lived out together as God’s people.

### Key Ideas:

1. New Citizenship
  - Christ’s reconciling work brings a dramatic change from being strangers and aliens, to the privileged status of full citizenship in God’s kingdom.
2. New Family
  - We have been adopted into God’s family and are brothers and sisters together.
3. New Building
  - Those redeemed by the blood of Christ are being built into the very place where God dwells by his Spirit.
  - The cornerstone was the most important part of ancient buildings, determining the position, stability, integrity, size, character, etc of the entire building. EVERYTHING was tied to/related to the Cornerstone.
  - Jesus Christ is the Church’s cornerstone. Thus, the entire church is dependent upon Jesus and only functions in relation to him.

### Application Questions

1. What are the three pictures that Paul uses in Ephesians 2:19-22 to describe the Church?
2. Consider each of these pictures. How should they shape the way you view and participate in the local church?
3. Did this message serve to make you aware of any brother or sister whom you have distanced yourself from because of bitterness or lack of love in your heart? If so, what does it look like for you to obey God’s Word and take specific steps to pursue unity and love?