

EPHESIANS 2:19-22

LESSON 14

The Household of God

1. Introduction

- a. This passage used to challenge your distinction from Israel/Pentecost/12 apostles
- b. “No more strangers...”; “the foundation of the apostles”; “building/temple/house”
- c. Let God be true – the Bible need not be changed – every verse must be considered.

2. Ephesians 2:19 – No More Strangers

- a. “*Now therefore*” – Which hearkens to 2:12 and requires you understand 2:13-18
 - i. Remember, Eph 2:16 – all this happens “by the cross” not “at the cross”
- b. “*no more strangers...*” - we are no longer far but nigh (2:13) to what? 2:18
 - i. Israel, covenants, physical temple, and laws were not the important thing
 - ii. Stranger to covenants meant far away from God, but now you’re in the body
 - iii. Foreigner to Israel meant no right to riches, but now you’re in the body
 - iv. Kingdom = God’s reign, house = God’s blessings; temple = God dwells
 - v. Now... in the kingdom, in the house, in the temple, b/c you are His Body
- c. “*household of God*” – what household? People sing Ps 65:4, 84:10, 135:2-4
 - i. House = family, children/father – Eph 3:15, Rom 8:14-17, Gal 3:26, 6:10
 - ii. Household gets provision/inheritance – Eph 1:11, Acts 26:18, Col 1:12-13
 - iii. Not the house of Israel, Judah – Heb 8:8, Acts 2:36, not acc. to 1 Pet 2:5
 - iv. The house is Christian – (Christ) – but it is not acc. to 1 Pet 2:5, 4:17, Heb 3:6
 - v. You get access to the house acc. to the mystery that you are His Body

3. Ephesians 2:20 – The Foundation of the Apostles

- a. “*foundation of apostles and prophets*” – Who are these? 12? OT? Something else?
 - i. This is not a problem verse - the only foundation is Christ = 1 Cor 3:11
 - ii. Rom 1:1-5 – Christ was prophesied, the mystery is built on Christ.
 - iii. Heb 6:1 – Their foundation is Christ, faith, repentance – Mt 16:18, 1Co 15:11
 - iv. There are apostles and prophets in the BoC – 1Co 12:28, Eph 3:5
 - v. Other apostles - Barnabas (Ac 14:4, 14), Apollos (1 Cor 4:6,9), Sosthenes (1 Cor 1:1), Silvanus and Timothy (1 Th 1:1, 6, 2:4,6), Epaphroditus (Ph 2:25)
 - vi. There are different building plans – 1 Cor 3:10, Matt 16:20, Rom 15:20
- b. The order matters, which came first - (ref. 2 Pet 3:2 – ‘prophets and apostles’)
- c. “*chief cornerstone*” Head of Body, Israel’s king. Isa 28:16, Ps 118:22, Mt 21:44, Ac 4:11

4. Ephesians 2:21-22 – Fitly Framed Together

- a. Fitly framed = means you are form fitted to Christ in His Body – Rom 6:17, Rom 8:9
- b. We 1) partake of God’s inheritance. 2) built upon Christ (1 Tim 3:15-16)
- c. 3) fitly framed and grow (Eph 4:16), 4) ye are in Christ, and Christ in you (Col 1:27)