

God's Household Built Together



Ephesians 2:17-22



Stages of construction..

God's three institutions..

- The Family (Eden).. organic unity
- Government (after flood).. societal citizenship
- Church (Pentecost).. spiritual fellowship



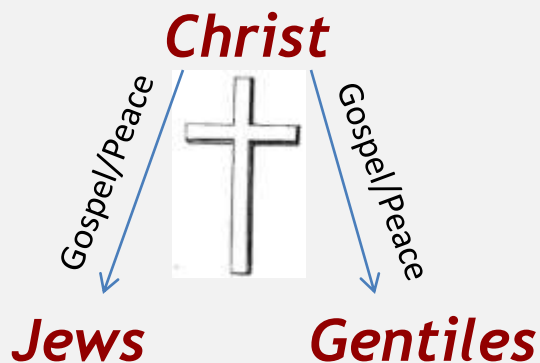
God's reconciliation work..

- Ephesians 2...
 - The need for reconciliation .. 1-3
 - The process of personal reconciliation .. 4-10
 - The reconciliation of Jews/Gentiles.. 11-22



God's magnificent idea

- Create one new church (Jew & Gentile)
 - 17-18 And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near.
¹⁸ For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.



A New Community..

- Fellowcitizens .. community
 - 19 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints..



Christians of Gentile background
are full and equal citizens

A New Family

- Members of same household.. unity
 - 19 no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God..



Every Brother and Sister in Christ
shares same spiritual DNA

A New Holy Temple

- The One Foundation.. stability
 - 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*..



Each stone must be aligned with the foundation and cornerstone

A dwelling place for God..

- Living stones built together..
 - in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.



Each one of us play an important part
building up God's spiritual house

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