

# CHURCH

studies from the book of Ephesians

## Ephesians 2:19–22

“Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God’s people and also members of his household, 20built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.” Ephesians 2:19–22

UR the Church – Ephesians 2:19–22

The Greek word for "church" is *ekklesia* which means "assembly" or "congregation" and *never* refers to a building. Therefore, the "church" is the people who belong to the Lord Jesus.

One man means neither Jew nor Gentile any more but in its place, Christian. Followers of Jesus. We are reconciled to God and each other through one body, which is Christ, which gives us access to God the Father through one Spirit, which is the Holy Spirit. This is the unity Paul is trying to get the Ephesians to understand. God has created unity in his people, and this is his desire for the church.

“The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” Psalm 118:22

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We are citizens of His Kingdom, He is our King.  
We are members of his household, which  
means we are family. We are His children.  
And we are each a piece of His temple.

“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit”.  
Ephesians 4:3

1. Pursue God and ask for help from His Spirit
2. Pursue Christian Community
3. Pursue Accountability
4. Pursue Hospitality

## 1. Pursue Commitment

**42** They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42–47