

God's Dwelling Place (Ephesians 2:19-22)

Introduction

- What is Paul going to tell us about in this morning's passage?
- What was the main thrust of v11-18?
- What does v19 tell us we no longer are?
- Instead what are we?

i What are the building's foundations? (v20)

- How important are foundations?
- What are the two parts of the church's foundations?
 - (i)
 - (ii)
- What were the apostles and prophets the first people to do?
- What does it mean, then, that the church is built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets?
- How do we have access to their message?
- What do people often do to the Bible?
- Why is it so important that we resist the temptation to go along with them?
- What is a cornerstone?
- How is Christ the cornerstone of the church?
- What lesson does that have to teach us?

ii What holds the building together? (v21-22)

- How do v21 and v22 relate to one another?
- Note three parallels.
 - (i)
 - (ii)
 - (iii)
- What holds the building together?
- How should we regard ourselves as Christian “bricks”?
- How can we make sure that we are as close to each other as possible?
- What does it say about us if we cause the church not to be united?
- What must you do if you are out of step with another believer?
- How can you be sure that we really can achieve unity?
- What must you do if you are not in a relationship with Christ?

ii What is the building for? (v21-22)

- What is the building, then?
- Do we have special buildings today?
- Why does the fact that the church is the temple, the dwelling place of God, make the church very special?
- How can you tell if you are prioritising church?