

One house for God

Ephesians 2:11-22 (ESV)

11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands — 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has **made us both one** and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near.

18 For through **him** we both have access in one **Spirit** to the **Father**. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and **members of the household of God**, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ **Jesus** himself being the **cornerstone**, 21 in whom the whole structure, **being joined together, grows** into a **holy temple** in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being **built** together into a **dwelling place for God** by the Spirit.

Living in a divided country/city/town.
Hate speech and discrimination against minorities have risen globally (UN report Sept 2019).

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Two diverse groups came together and through one Spirit got access to the same Father, became one people! Became one building, one living temple! One household!

Members of the household of God

One household...
 Staying together from now on into eternity!
 Brothers and sisters, co-heirs with Christ!



Jesus himself being the cornerstone

The stone that joins two walls together.
 The stone that joins different groups of people together!
 The stone that aligns everything.
 Aligns His church, His people, His building!
 Upon a foundation laid by apostles and prophets.



Being joined together

The stones are not loose from one another.
 How does a building look that has stones that are loose?
 God joins us together! We are actively being joined together!



Grows into a holy temple in the Lord

A building that grows!
 Into a holy temple!



Into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit

Where God can dwell God in us and we in God. Unity!!!



Where should we be found this year?

IN God
 IN Unity
 IN one another's space, with respect for the other!
 IN GOD in His holy dwelling, in His Son and in His Spirit!





- Where do you want to place yourself for 2020?
- Are you willing to be a living stone that is joined to other living stones that do not look like you?
- Do you want to grow together with those who are not like you?
- Do you want to be like Jesus and rejoice in the joining of nations to one another?

