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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Eph 1:3



SCRIPTURE

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.
1 Cor 12:12-14

SCRIPTURE

Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.
1 Cor 12:15-16

SCRIPTURE

The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!”
1 Cor 12:21

SCRIPTURE

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

1 Cor 12:26

SCRIPTURE

The Church is like a body:

- Many parts, yet one
- All the parts belong
- All the parts are needed
- All parts are interconnected

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Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,

Eph 2:19

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Metaphors that Paul uses here

- **Citizens**
- **Members of God's household**

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built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Eph 2:20-22

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What makes the temple a good analogy? It's a building.

- **Cornerstone: Jesus**
- **Foundation: Apostles, Prophets**
- **Stones: Built upon them**

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What else makes the temple a good analogy?

- The temple is where God lives

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What else makes the temple a good analogy?

- The temple is where God lives
- **We are the temple**

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Our High Calling As the Temple of the Lord: Say no to barriers

- Knock down ones you see
- Don't build more

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Our High Calling As the Temple of the Lord: Share What You Have Experienced

- Love
- Forgiveness
- Be grace

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Our High Calling As the Temple of the Lord: Live the Truth

- I am not hopeless
- I am not far from God

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Our High Calling As the Temple of the Lord: Be Good Ambassadors

- We are ambassadors. Let's be good ones.
- Pursue holiness so that reflect the one we represent.


