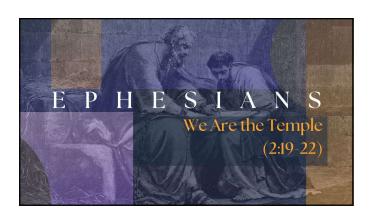


PHESTANS

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 <u>one</u>, has <u>many</u> parts, but all its <u>many</u> parts form <u>one</u> body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by <u>one</u> Spirit so as to form <u>one</u> body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the <u>one</u> 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



The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't <u>need</u> you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't <u>need</u> you!"

1 Cor 12:21



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

1 Cor 12:26



The Church is like a body:

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



Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but <u>fellow citizens</u> with God's people and also <u>members of his</u> household, Eph 2:19

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Metaphors that Paul uses here

- Citizens
- Members of God's household

SNYISHAE

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



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

• Cornerstone: Jesus

• Foundation: Apostles, Prophets

• Stones: Built upon them



What else makes the temple a good analogy?

• The temple is where God lives



What else makes the temple a good analogy?

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



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

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



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

- Love
- Forgiveness
- Be grace



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

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



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.

