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“THE EPHESIANS EPISTLE”
The Habitation of God Through the Holy Spirit”
Chapter 2:19-23

THESIS: The Church, which is the body of Christ is united in Him by faith, grace and the Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit.

INTRODUCTION

This letter reveals, explains God’s purpose to make of the Jew and Gentile of a wholly new being - “the Church which is Christ’s body,” formed by the baptism with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:14-14; Col. 3:10:11). “Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain [two] one new man, so making peace.” The Jew and Gentile are one body in Christ. Therefore, there should be no enmity, evil jealousy, bias, arrogance, pride of life, lusts of the flesh, lusts of the eyes, idolatry, covetousness, strife, adultery, fornication, uncleanness, envying, murder, drunkenness, hatred, ravelings, witchcraft, lasciviousness, lawlessness, emulations, etc., (Gal. 5:6-21; 1 John 2:15-17; Rom. 8:1-13; 7:15-24).

As believers are united in Christ, they are the habitation of God through the Holy Spirit. One of the first negative qualities He relieves the believer from is the spirit of fear. “For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind” (2 Tim. 1:7).

The New Man is the habitation of God through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

A. In Christ believers are no more strangers & foreigners (v. 19).

1. Strangers

2. Foreigners

B. The Saints - v. 19 (GK. “hagios” holy, holiness of life)

1. They that believe (2 Thess. 1:10)

2. Holy ones (Jude 14)

3. The Sanctified (1 Pet. 3:15; Rom. 15:16)

C. The Habitation of God’s Spirit (v. 22)

1. Temple (1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19-20; 2 Cor. 6:16-18)

2. Truth (John 1:14; 8:30-32; 17:17)

3. Trust [Pastor is asking you to find several passages of Scripture which speak to “*trust in God*”, or those who “*trusted in God*” in spite of the odds against them.]