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Read Ephesians 2:19-22

Ephesians 2:22 ESV

In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

Paul had just finished showing these believers how God has made us ONE in Him, how we are one body, “one new man” in Christ. He then goes on to explain this by using further analogies.

He says we are “fellow citizens”, implying we are part of the same nation or people. He also says we are “members of the household of God”, indicating how we are part of the same FAMILY. Then he shares how we are together growing into a holy temple in the Lord and being built into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit!

This is a mind-blowing reality! The God of heaven, who has wanted to dwell among mankind from the beginning, has now found a dwelling place in us, individually and together. We are “being built together into a dwelling place for God”. We know that God does not live in any church building, but in His people (1 Corinthians 3:16 & 6:19; 2 Corinthians 6:16). What an incredible privilege, honour and responsibility this is!

Are you a fit dwelling place for God? Are we (together) a fit dwelling place for God? Only the shed blood of Jesus can make this possible (see Ephesians 2:13-14). But are we living in a way that is worthy of this and reflects this reality to those around us?

Application

1. What is God saying to you through this passage?
2. Are you aware that God lives in you? If so, how does this impact the way you live?
3. Are we as a church (people) aware that we are being built into a dwelling place for God by His Spirit? What implications does this have for us?

Prayer

Father, help us to see your bigger picture of us and your church. Grant us insight and revelation to know you and respond to you in a way that brings honour and glory to Your name. May we become a people in and among whom you delight to dwell, **in Jesus' name. Amen.**