



ADVANCED READERS



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Ephesians 2:17-21

The church is where God's spirit dwells.



Paul describes 3 groups of people, underline them in verse 19:

"Strangers"	"Aliens"	"Fellow Citizens"
Foreigners, travelers No rights, privileges	Neighbors, outsiders Few rights, privileges	Residents Many rights, privileges
Gentiles "far off"	Jews "near" (covenant with God)	Saints (believers: past, present, future) Members of the household of God
Today: those who don't know/ aren't interested in God Focus on money, power, success other religions	Today: those who know about God Focus on being a good person, doing good things Might go to church, pray	Today: Those believe in Jesus and know him personally Focus on doing good works so that God will be glorified

All people are naturally a stranger or an alien, because of sin. How do you become a fellow citizen? _____



Paul also uses construction images to describe how God is working in believers who meet together, His church. Underline the construction terms (build, join together, etc), then draw a simple building, label the foundation and cornerstone.



According to Paul, believers are being built into what? _____

What is the foundation of this building? _____ (those who saw Jesus) and _____ (those given messages from God)

What is the cornerstone holding the whole building together? _____

God is doing the work to join believers together and make us into his holy temple. How can we participate in this work?

**"In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."
Ephesians 2:22**

