



Sermon Notes: August 19th, 2018

Gemstone: Family

Ephesians 2:19-22

Observations & Conclusions:

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"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."

1. If you belong to Christ, **you don't belong in this world.**

Hebrews 11:16 - "Instead, they were longing for a better country - a heavenly one."

2. If you belong to Christ, **you are a citizen of heaven.**

Philippians 3:20 - "But our citizenship is in heaven..."

3. If you belong to Christ, **you are in God's family.**

Romans 8:15c-16 - "You received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him we cry, 'Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children."

4. If you belong to Christ, **your foundation is His Word.**

2 Thessalonians 2:15 - "So the, brothers, stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter."

5. If you belong to Christ, **Jesus is your example and model.**

1 John 2:6 - "Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did."

6. If you belong to Christ, **you are called to cooperation.**

Ephesians 4:16 - "From Him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

7. If you belong to Christ, **your true family is where the Spirit lives.**

Mark 3 - "'Who are my mother and my brothers?' he asked..."

Application:

Live in God's family as God's children should live.