

## 1. Introduction

- a. Ancient cornerstone - first stone in foundation
    - anchor point for laying out strings to show line for laying all stones in foundation
  - b. Jesus is called the chief cornerstone - primary (first) cornerstone
  - c. Cultural issues
    - is life sacred? Marriage?
  - d. Church issues in Christianity
    - who is Christ?
    - Is God real?
    - Is Bible really true?
    - Creation - what is it?
    - Good & evil
    - What is justice?
  - e. Context: Eph 2:18-22
    - household of God - who is inside?
    - Christian reaches the Father by the Holy Spirit through Jesus (in the name of Jesus) (2:18)
    - building of household of God (2:19-22)
- ## 2. Perspective (world view) - God or Human?
- a. Glorify? God not Self
  - b. Seek (look for) - Holiness not Happiness
  - c. Truth? Absolute not Relative
  - d. Mood? Faith not Emotion/Rational
  - e. Sin? True vs "not my fault"
  - f. Salvation? 1 way not many ways
- ## 3. Christian citizen & family of God
- a. God called out Israel to be His people
    - commonwealth of Israel in covenants of promise (2:12)
    - Israel was separate from other nations through the Law & circumcision

- 3 b. But Jesus has broken down wall of separation to create new Body of Christ (2:14-16)
  - c. Now Christian is also citizen of household of God (2:19)
    - no longer foreigner
    - no longer stranger
  - d. Now Jew and Gentile called to accept Jesus
4. Christian a Building with Jesus Christ
    - a. Christian faith compared to
      - bride
      - body
      - temple
      - building
    - b. Jesus Christ is chief cornerstone
    - c. Foundation
      - on New Testament apostles - 12 apostles
      - on Old Testament prophets
    - d. Christians built into a holy temple (2:21)
      - 2000 years of Christians on earth
      - built (constructed) into a building over the centuries & millenia
      - God frames the building of all Christians together
    - e. Christians are living stones (1 Pet 2:5)
      - Christians are a holy priesthood
      - Jesus is the Living Stone (1 Pet 2:4)
      - Jesus is the chief cornerstone (1 Pet 2:6)
  5. Christians Together are Building Inhabited (living together) by God
    - a. Christians together are God's house
    - b. God lives in His "house" ~~that~~ through Holy Spirit (Eph 2:22)
    - c. Christian has both physical body & spiritual soul
      - Christian is temple of Holy Spirit (1 Cor 3:16-17)
      - Christian's physical body is also temple of Holy Spirit (1 Cor 6:18-20)