



“The Church Is A Building”

Ephesians 2:19-22
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I. Our series so far:

Seeing the Church as a Body teaches us that the church is to be _____. *Seeing the Church as a Building teaches us that the Church is meant to _____.*

4 Ways To Help The Church Grow

1. Build _____ - by sharing our _____ with others.
“So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God...”
 - A. Paul will use in these verses variations of the Greek word for “building”/”house” – *oikos* – to make each point. The word translated “aliens” is *paroikoi* which means what?
 - B. But now the Gentiles are to see themselves as *members of the household of God*. The Greek word is *oikei*, which means what?
 - C. Imagine a spectrum from -5 to 0 which describes where an unbeliever might be in relationship to Christ. How can thinking this way be helpful when it comes to evangelism?

2. Build _____ - by growing in your _____ of the faith.

“...built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone...”

- A. The Greek word Paul uses here is *epoikodomeo*, meaning:
- B. What does Paul mean here? How was this practiced in the early church?
- C. How might this be practiced in our church?

3. Build _____ - by learning to _____ each other daily.

“...in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.”

- A. The Greek word Paul uses here for ‘structure’ is *oikodome* which means:
- B. How might we practice this in our church?

4. Build _____ - by guarding _____, and pursuing a common _____ and _____.

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

- A. The Greek word Paul uses here is *sunoikodomeo*, meaning:
- B. Our giftedness is both a blessing and curse