

### **Building a Good Foundation, #3 God's Household/Building**

In the first lesson on this year's theme (as determined by our Elders), we considered two questions relative to *Jesus Christ* being the *Chief-Cornerstone*: 1) "Why is He the *Chief Cornerstone*?"; and, 2) "Why are the *Apostles* and *Prophets* the *Foundation* of God's *Household*?"; both were taken from and answered with Eph.2:19-20 and its context. Then in the second lesson on this same theme, we looked at the *negative* view of these things from 1Pet.2:6-8 with regard to why Jesus, the *Precious* and *Chief Cornerstone*, to some became instead the *Stone the Builders Rejected- a Stone of Stumbling* and *Rock of Offence*.

In today's installment, let's go back to our theme text of Eph.2:19-22 to consider "***the building***" built upon "*the foundation of the apostles and prophets*" that has "*Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone*."

**This *Building* is God's Household, v.19; cf. 1Cor.3:9,16; Gal.6:10; 1Tim.3:15**

1. Made with stones of "*fellow-citizens*," cf. 1:5,18-23; rather than *strangers and aliens*, cf. 2:11-12,17
2. As stones *fitted together*, v.21a; cf. 4:1-6,15
3. That *grow*, v.21b (because they are *living* as He *lives*, 1Pet.2:4-5); cf. Col.2:7
4. Into a *holy temple in the Lord*, v.21c; cf. 1Pet.1:16
5. For a *dwelling of God in the Spirit*, v.22; cf. John 14:23

Now, are YOU ready to:

1. Stop being a *stranger/alien* and become a *citizen*?
2. Be *fitted together* with *Christ* the *Chief Cornerstone* and *other stones* in the *building*?
3. *Grow* as a *living stone*?
4. Be *holy* even as He is *holy* (1Pet.1:15-16)
5. Become a *dwelling of God in the Spirit*?