

Members of God's Family

Ephesians 2:19-22
Message

**Believers are now
the one people of
God in a
relationship with
Him marked by an
intimacy even
greater than a close
family bond.**

Outline

Believing Gentiles and Jews have been joined into the one people of God (2:19-22)

New association: citizens of God's kingdom (19a)

New relationship: members of God's household (19b)

New purpose: to serve as God's dwelling place—His temple (20-22)

Members of God's Family (Eph 2:19-22)

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“Stranger”



*A non-citizen
(foreigner)*

*Allowed to live in a
country*

*A treaty may allow
him to live and
work there and
with a few
revokable rights*

A temporary visitor

“Alien”

A sojourner

Living long-term, even permanently, in a country

A resident alien

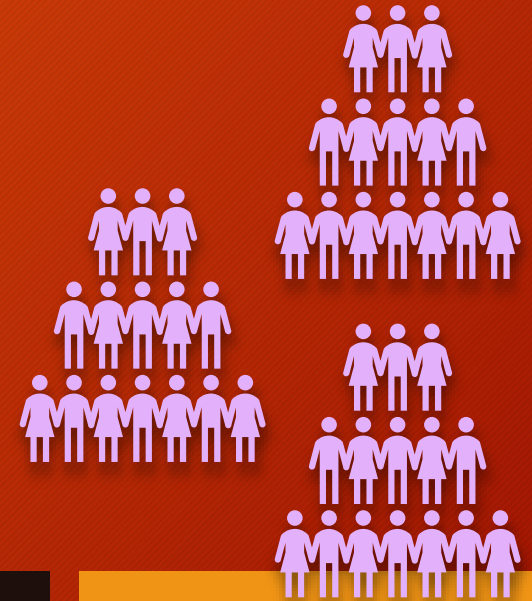
The Church:
Jews and Gentiles



“Together With”



The Redeemed of
All the Ages



Fellow Citizens

“Household”

Members of the same household

One's kin, People related by blood

Believers who belong to the same spiritual family (Gal 6:10; 1 Tim 5:8)

The opposite of “alien”

Share the close bond of a family

“Apostle”

Someone who is sent out under the authority of Jesus Christ to carry out a particular mission

The small group of men who witnessed the risen Christ, notably the Twelve, James (the Lord's brother, Gal 1:19) and Paul (2 Cor 12:12)

How did apostles contribute to the Church's foundation?

They laid out the sanctioned order and practices for the new church

Through them the church was established and grew

They were under Jesus' authority as they either wrote or authorized what would become the NT Scriptures

They delivered that body of truth called the gospel or the faith (1 Cor 11:23; 15:3; Jude 3; Heb 2:3-4)

“Prophet”

Someone who received a direct revelation from God (Eph 3:5)

His messages could be given either by mouth or in writing

A message could tell the future (predictive, foretelling)

The message could also warn, edify, comfort or encourage (prescriptive, forthtelling)



John Stott,
Ephesians, p. 107

The NT Scriptures are “the church’s foundation documents. And just as a foundation cannot be tampered with once it has been laid and the superstructure is being built upon it, so the New Testament foundation of the church is inviolable and cannot be changed by any additions, subtractions or modifications offered by teachers who claim to be apostles or prophets today. The church stands or falls by its loyal dependence on the foundation truths which God revealed to his apostles and prophets, and which are now preserved in the New Testament Scriptures”