

Ephesians

(14) We are a Holy Temple

Ephesians 2v19- 3v6 NIV (*emphasis added*)

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, **20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. **21** In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. **22** And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Chapter 3

1 For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles- **2** Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, **3** that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. **4** In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, **5** which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. **6** This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs *together* with Israel, members *together* of one body, and sharers *together* in the promise in Christ Jesus.

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Who are God's Chosen People? Ex.6v7; Lev.26v12; Deut.32v8-9; Ex.33v3

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob; Israel; Jewish nation; those "near"; the circumcision

Who is everybody else? 1Peter2v10; Eph.2v1; Eph.2v3; Eph.2v12

Gentiles; foreigners; aliens; strangers; the uncircumcision

Who is the foundation of the church? Eph.2v20a; Heb.11v32-38; 1Cor.3v10-11; Matt.16v18

The apostles and the prophets; the patriarchs

Who is the cornerstone, the capstone? Who holds it all together? Eph.2v20b; Eph.2v21;

Isa.28v16; 1Peter2v6-7; Psalm 118v22; 1Peter2v8a; Isa.8v13-17; 1Peter 2v8b; Luke2v34

Jesus Christ

Who are the building blocks of this new temple? Eph.2v22; 1Cor.3v9; 1Cor.3v16-17

We who are believers

What is the mystery of Christ? Eph.1v9-10; Rom.16v25-27; Rom.11v25; Rom.11v11;

1Peter2v9-10

Both Gentiles and Israel are heirs together of God's promise, his church

Why is Paul focused on the Gentiles? Acts9v4-15; Gal.1v13-17; Rom.1v13; Matt.21v43; Rom.11v13

Jesus told him to

