



EPHESIANS

DAY 2

Ephesians 2

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WE THE CHURCH

Ephesians 2:20-22 (NLT)

“Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.”

Ephesians 2:20-22 (MSG)

“God is building a home. He’s using us all – irrespective of how we got here – in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he’s using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day – a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.”

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Ephesians 2 is Paul’s reminder to the church that our salvation comes only through the love of God and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. As verse 9 says, “we neither make nor save ourselves” (MSG). Paul methodically lays out the process of redemption specifically for the Greek congregants of Ephesus, to remind both them and the Jewish members of the church that they all lay claim to the same salvation. The Ephesian church had a very diverse congregation, so it was essential that they see themselves as unique (Chapter 1) but with a common heritage in Christ so that they could come together in unity. Paul closes with the metaphor of the church as a home, each stone uniquely designed yet coming together in a perfect fit, holy and redeemed, where “God is quite at home.”

Paul’s message to the Ephesians that WE are the church is fitting for us today, as we gather each Sunday morning on our couches in our pajamas with our coffee. It almost feels sacrilegious at times, sad at others, unusual always, and yet the church hasn’t gone anywhere because we are the church. We are designed uniquely and fitted together in unity to house His glory. We are not incapacitated simply because we no longer gather in the same room once a week. We are not a church in limbo; rather, we are infused with the same love and mercy with which God embraces us, filled with His spirit, and brimming with purpose. Each day, I would challenge us to ask ourselves these questions: How can I love the lost? How can I show mercy to those around me? How can I use my unique design to serve the church and foster a sense of unity? How can I reflect the Spirit of God, who has made His home in me?

What is God speaking to me about in today’s reading?

MY PRAYER FOR TODAY:

