

YOU ARE GOD'S TEMPLE

Church... Who Are You? – Part 1

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In the New Testament:

- There were no church _____
- Church always referred to _____

Ephesians 2:13-14 (NLT) *“But now you belong to Christ Jesus. Though you once were far away from God, now you have been brought near to Him because of the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For Christ Himself has made peace between us Jews and you Gentiles by making us all one people. He has broken down the wall of hostility that used to separate us.”*

IF YOU ARE GOD'S CHURCH...

1. YOU HAVE _____ TO GOD.

Ephesians 2:19 (NLT) *“So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are **citizens along with all of God's holy people**. You are **members of God's family**.”*

- You are _____ along with God's people.
- You are _____ of God's family.

2. YOU _____ YOURSELF WITH CHRIST.

Ephesians 2:20 (NLT) *“We are **His house**, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus Himself.”*

- God's house has a _____.

Matthew 16:18 (NIV) *“And I tell you that you are **Peter**, and on **this rock I will build My church**, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”*

Acts 9:15 (NIV) “But the Lord said to Ananias, ‘Go! **This man is My chosen instrument to carry My name before the Gentiles and their kings and before the people of Israel.**’ ”

- God’s house has a _____.

Ephesians 2:21 (NIV) “**In Him** (Christ the cornerstone) **the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.**”

- God’s house has many _____.

1 Peter 2:5 (CEV) “**And now you are living stones that are being used to build a spiritual house...**”

3. YOU ARE A _____ FOR GOD’S SPIRIT.

Ephesians 2:22 (NLT) “**Through Him you Gentiles are also joined together as part of this dwelling where God lives by His Spirit.**”

4. YOU KEEP YOURSELF _____.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV) “**Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you, Whom you have received from God? You are not your own;** ²⁰ **you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.**”

If the Church is to be holy, it means allowing the Holy Spirit to develop the character of Christ in us more and more.

PERSONAL: Does your life bring glory to God?

CORPORATE: Does our being together glorify God?

How do we know when we are truly being God’s temple?

We will know when we recognize the Spirit of God

_____ us and _____ us.

1 John 4:13 & 15 (NIV) “**We know that we live in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit...** ¹⁵ **If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God.**”