

Sunday, November 3, 2019

Title: Built As God's Habitation

Series: Book of Ephesians...6

Text: Ephesians 2

Introduction:

- > Ephesians 1:15 -23 and 2:1 - 23
- > In Ephesians 1 we learn that the Church (universal) is the body of the Lord Jesus Christ!
- > In Ephesians 2 the Holy Spirit gives another revelation of the Church (both individual and universal).

Jesus Christ Is The Builder:

1.1) The Tabernacle of Moses:

> Exodus 25:40, "*And see that you make them after the pattern for them, which is being shown you on the mountain.*"

Cf. Exodus 26:30, 39:42 & 43; Numbers 8:4

> Acts 7:44, "*Our fathers had the tent of witness in the wilderness, just as He who spoke to Moses to make it, according to the pattern that he had seen.*"

> Hebrews 8:5, "*They serve a copy and a shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "see that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown on the mountain."*

THERE IS A DIVINE BLUEPRINT!

1.2) Divine Revelation:

> Psalm 127:1, "*Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain.*"

1.3) Divine Declaration:

> Matthew 16:18, "*And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*"

Jesus Christ Provides The Stones:

2.1) Chosen in the Lord Jesus Christ: > Ephesians 1:3 - 6

2.2) Assigned a work: > Ephesians 2:8 - 10

2.3) Called "living stones:" > 1 Peter 2:4 - 10

Jesus Christ Is The Cornerstone:

3.1) Some Stumble Over Lord Jesus Christ:

> 1 Peter 2:7 - 8

3.2) The Lord Jesus Christ Is The Cornerstone:

> Ephesians 2:19 - 22

> 1 Peter 2:4 - 10

> 1 Corinthians 3:11, "*For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.*" Cf. Acts 4:12

Conclusion:

Acts 7:48, "*Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says,*"

Acts 17:24, "*The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,*"

Revelation 21:1 - 14