

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

12/06/05

Theme: The Church of the living God

Text: Ephesians 2:19 – 22

Title: The Dwelling Place of God

(I) SPECIAL REFERENCES OF THE CHURCH

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| 1) Members of the household of God – a spiritual family | Ephesians 2:19 |
| a) No longer strangers | |
| b) Fellow citizens | |
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| 2) The foundations are built upon the prophets and the apostles | Ephesians 2:20 |
| a) Their writings | |
| b) Their life and ministry | |
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| 3) Christ the chief cornerstone | Ephesians 2:20 |

(II) THE CHURCH AS THE DWELLING PLACE OF GOD

1) Concept of a building

“In whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord...”
Ephesians 2:21

- a) Many different parts
- b) Fitted together
- c) A glorious temple in the Lord

2) Concept of a habitation

“In whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:22

- a) The work of the Holy Spirit
- b) Built together
- c) The dwelling presence of God

(III) BUILDING A DWELLING PLACE FOR GOD IN THE CHURCH

“In whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:21 – 22

1) The role of the Lord Jesus Christ

“In whom...”

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| a) Christ established as the chief cornerstone | Ephesians 2:20 |
| b) The blessings of God unfolded | Ephesians 1:3 |
| c) Spiritual power | Ephesians 1:18 |
| d) Spiritually alive | Ephesians 2:5 |
| e) Exceeding grace given | Ephesians 2:7 |

2) The work of the Holy Spirit

“In the Spirit...”

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| a) Godly wisdom | Ephesians 1:17 |
| b) Revelation of the truth and spiritual understanding | Ephesians 1:17 – 18 |
| c) Spiritual unity | Ephesians 4:3 |
| d) Spiritual renewal | Ephesians 4:24 |
| e) Seeking to honour God | Ephesians 5:8 |

3) Our part in building

- a) Desiring Oneness

“In whom the whole building, being fitted together...” Ephesians 2:21

- b) Pursuing Oneness

“In whom you are also being built together...” Ephesians 2:22

- c) Perseverance (After unity has been achieved!)

“Grows into a holy temple...” Ephesians 2:21