



 Tri-City Baptist
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Ministers – Every Member

SERMON NOTES

A Place to Belong

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Text: Ephesians 2:19-22

Through the peace Christ accomplished, believers are placed into a unique relationship with Christ and each other for God's glory.

The unity that believers experience is pictured in...

- I. One _____—*fellow citizens (v. 19a)*.
 - » Do you rejoice in the _____ you have when you are a citizen of heaven?
 - » Do you live with a persistent realization of your eternal home and _____ your life accordingly?

- II. One _____—*members of the household of God (v. 19b)*.
 - » Are you comforted by the realization that regardless of your past, you are _____ into God's family because of Jesus Christ?
 - » Are you intentionally endeavoring to guard the _____ of your local church family?

- III. One _____—*a dwelling place of God (vv. 20-22)*.
 - » Are you striving to develop _____ in your life for the glory of God?
 - » Are you involved in promoting _____ in others, thus building the local church?

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 4:12 tells us that God's Word is alive and powerful and discerns the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. In 1 Timothy 4:13, Paul instructs Timothy, the pastor at Ephesus, to "give attention to reading" of Scripture. At Tri-City Baptist Church, we are intentionally Word-driven. Our taking time to publicly read the Bible is a practical way that we can obey the Bible and highlight this aspect of our ministry philosophy. Join us this morning as we read...

EPHESIANS 4:20-5:2

FURTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Ephesians 2:11-19

What are the changes that have taken place for Gentiles who have trusted Christ? What does the Bible mean when it refers to the church as "the household of God"? Read 1 Timothy 3:14-15. What other descriptive terms are used in this passage to describe the church? How does the Lord view the church?

Ephesians 2:20-22

Why do you think the Holy Spirit uses different metaphors to describe the church? What are the truths implied by the statement that "Jesus Christ Himself" is the "chief cornerstone"? Read Psalm 118:22-24; Acts 4:10-12. When was Christ, the cornerstone, rejected? When did He become the cornerstone? In comparing the verses in Psalm 118 and Acts 4, what is the particular day of rejoicing that is referenced?

Ephesians 5:25-32

How is the church described in this passage? What is Christ's attitude toward the church? What is He seeking to do in the church? Read Hebrews 10:24-25. What are some ways that your church family encourages you to grow spiritually? How do you exhort others through your involvement at church? How does a consumeristic mindset work against obedience to this passage? How can your church family help your family? How does your view of the church compare to the Lord's view of the church? How can the love of Christ when seen in the church advance the Gospel? Will you pray that Christ will be seen in TBC?