

“God’s Holy Nation, Household, and Temple” (Ephesians 2:19–22)

Big Idea: Now in Christ, Gentiles are equally part of God’s holy nation, household, and temple.

I. The Content of This Text

- a. Now in Christ, Gentiles are equal citizens of God’s holy, covenant nation. (v. 19a)

Galatians 3:26–29; Romans 4:9–13, 16–17a

- b. Now in Christ, Gentiles are equal members of God’s household. (v. 19b)

- c. Now in Christ, Gentiles are equal parts of God’s holy temple. (v. 20–22)

- i. The apostles and prophets are this temple’s foundation. (v. 20a)

- ii. Christ Jesus himself is this temple’s cornerstone. (v. 20b)

Psalm 118:22–26; Isaiah 8:11–15; 28:16; Matthew 21:42–45; Acts 4:8–12

- iii. All Christians together are this temple’s building blocks. (v. 20–21)

John 2:13–22; 1 Cor. 3:9–11, 16–17; 2 Cor. 6:16; 1 Peter 1:1; 2:4–10

- iv. The Holy Spirit is this temple’s divine resident. (v. 22)

Haggai 2:3–9; Zechariah 2:10–11; 6:9–15; Matthew 16:18b

II. The Response to This Text

- a. To Honor Each Saint as Such

Galatians 3:27–28; Colossians 3:11; Romans 12:15–16; Philippians 2:1–4

- b. To Honor the Holy People Above Our Earthly Ties

Mark 3:20–21, 31–35; 10:29–30

- c. To Honor the Lord’s Temple

1 Corinthians 3:16–17; Psalm 84:1–2, 10–12; Revelation 3:11–13