

CHRISTIANS UNDER CONSTRUCTION - PHASE ONE
God's Building Plans for Kingdom People
From Ephesians Chapters 1 - 3

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Unfolding the Plans God Has for Us - Ephesians 1:1-3
(June 22nd)

YOUR SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS IN CHRIST

Counting Your Blessings as a Christian Under Construction - Ephesians 1:3-10
(June 29th)

THE AMAZING WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Celebrating the Life-Giving Work of the Holy Spirit - Ephesians 1:11-14
(July 6th)

THE KNOWLEDGE AND POWER OF CHRISTIANITY

Living Out the 1st Kingdom-Building Prayer of Ephesians - Ephesians 1:15-23
(July 13th)

BY GRACE...FOR WORKS

Being a Steward of What God Has Prepared in Advance for Us to Do -
Ephesians 2:1-10
(July 20th)

AND THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN

Bringing People Near Through Jesus - Ephesians 2:11-18
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HERE COMES THE CHURCH!

Seeing God's Great Picture of the Church of Jesus Christ - Ephesians 2:19-22
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UNSOLVED MYSTERIES SOLVED!

Understanding the Church as the Focal Point of History - Ephesians 3:1-13
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UP THE STAIRCASE OF PRAYER

Walking Up the Staircase of the 2nd Kingdom-Building Prayer of Ephesians -
Ephesians 3:14-21
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INTRODUCTION

What God Has Been Building Up To:

Ephesians 1:22

And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be Head
over everything for **the church...**

In Your Bible:
Ephesians 2:19-22

I. THE CHURCH IS GOD'S _____ (v. 19a)

Matthew 4:17

From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the
kingdom of heaven is near."

Matthew 6:9-10a

This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be
Your name, **10 Your kingdom come...**"

Luke 17:20-21

Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God
would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with
your careful observation, 21 nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There
it is,' because **the kingdom of God is within you.**"

II. THE CHURCH IS GOD'S _____ (v. 19b)

Like a Healthy Earthly Family, The Family of God
Is Meant to Have the Following Characteristics:

A. Conceived by _____ and _____

1 Peter 1:22-23

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. 23 For you have been **born again**, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

Ephesians 1:3-5 (The Message)

How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He's the Father of our Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him. 4 Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. 5 Long, long ago he decided to **adopt** us into his family through Jesus Christ.

B. Conveys Certain _____

C. Consists of Intimate _____

D. Characterized by _____ in _____

III. THE CHURCH IS GOD'S _____ (v. 20-22)

We, the Church, Are:

A. _____ on the _____ of God
(verse 20a)

B. _____ by the _____ of God
(verses 20b,21)

Hebrews 3:4

For every house is built by someone, but **God is the builder of everything.**

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but **God made it grow.**

C. _____ by the _____ of God
(verse 22)

1 Peter 2:4-6

As you come to him, the living Stone — rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him— 5 **you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house** to be a holy priesthood, **offering spiritual sacrifices** acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION