



Ephesians

Ephesians 1:1-2 (Passion Translation) *Dear friends, ¹My name is Paul, and I was chosen by God to be an apostle of Jesus, the Messiah. ²I'm writing this letter to all the devoted believers who have been made holy by being one with Jesus, the Anointed One...*

Ephesians

...May God himself, the heavenly Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, release grace over you and impart total well-being into your lives.

God Quest

Ephesians 1:3 (Passion translation) *Everything heaven contains has already been lavished upon us as a love gift from our wonderful heavenly Father...*

God Quest

*...the Father of our Lord Jesus – all because he sees us **wrapped into Christ**. This is why we celebrate him with all our hearts!*

Family

Ephesians 2:18 - 22 (NLT) ¹⁸ Now **all of us can come to the Father** through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. ¹⁹ So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people.

Family

You are members of God's family.
²⁰ *Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.* ²¹ *We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.*

Family

²² *Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.*

Come!

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No longer strangers

Ephesians 2:19–22 (NLT) ¹⁹ *So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with **all of God's holy people**. You are **members of God's family**.* ²⁰ *Together, we are his house*

We disconnect ourselves

- Insecurities
- Fears
- Lies
- Pride

Built on the Foundation

Ephesians 2:20–21 (NLT) ²⁰ *Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.* ²¹ *We are carefully joined together in him*

Built on the Foundation

*“This first detailed description of the early Christians is wonderfully revealing. The followers of Jesus, who had been baptized by the Holy Spirit, **literally devoted themselves to communication and unity with God and with each other.**”*

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Acts 2:41–42 (The Message) ⁴¹
That day about three thousand took him at his word, were baptized and were signed up. ⁴² They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

Built on the Foundation

Fellowship (life together), *koinonia* (koy-nohn-ee-ah); Sharing, unity, close association, partnership, participation, a communion, a fellowship, contributory help, the brotherhood. *Koinonia* is a unity brought about by the Holy Spirit.

Built on the Foundation

In *koinonia* the individual shares in common an intimate bond of fellowship with the rest of the Christian society. *Koinonia* cements the believers to the Lord Jesus and to each other.

Life Together

Sharing
 Partnership
 Participation
 Contributory help
 Brotherhood / Sisterhood
 Communion

Cornerstone

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Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself.

Cornerstone

²¹ We are *carefully joined together* in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. ²² Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.

