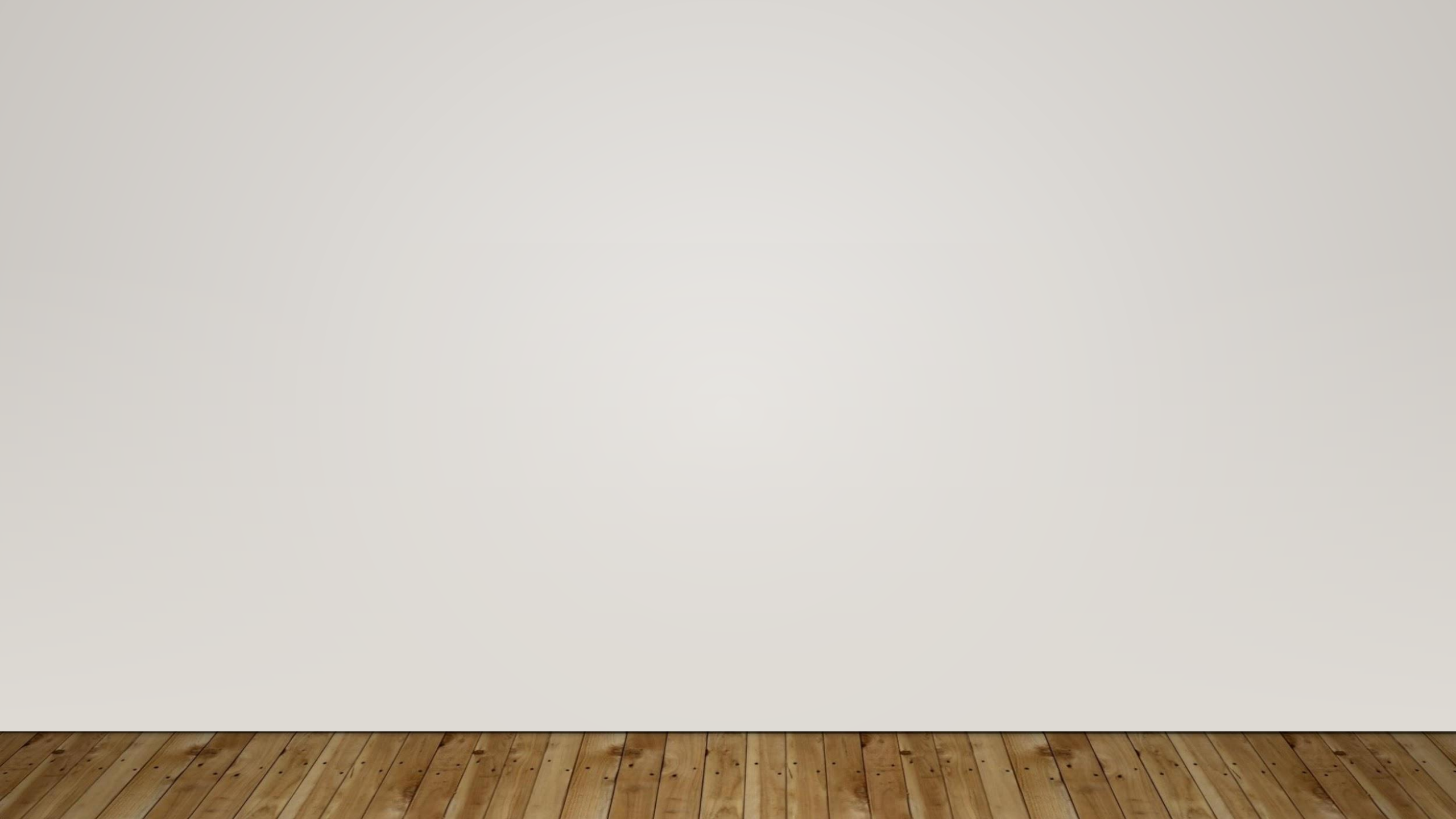




Two Sides of a Coin

(Ephesians 2:19-22)

Sunday 23rd November 2025



Ephesians 2:19-22, NIV

19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. 22 And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.



Ephesians 2:19-22, MSG

That's plain enough, isn't it? You're no longer wandering exiles. This kingdom of faith is now your home country. You're no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here, with as much right to the name Christian as anyone. God is building a home. He's using us all—irrespective of how we got here—in what he is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now he's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.



Ephesians 2:19-22

- (A) Belong to the household of God
- (B) Built by God
- (C) Being shaped / fitted together
- (D) Be a dwelling place of God in Spirit

(A) Belong to the household of God (Eph.2:19)

Consequently, you are **no longer foreigners and strangers**, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household

- Fellow citizens with God's people – through the blood of Jesus (V.13)
- Members of His household – thru Christ's reconciling work, breaking down the dividing wall (V.14-17)
- Faith in Christ



Spiritually, this reflects the believer's adoption into God's family

Romans 8: 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

(B) Built by God (Eph.2:20-21)

20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

1. We are no longer defined by our past
2. Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets
3. In Christ the whole structure is joined together, and it continues growing into **a holy temple in the Lord**

A **sanctuary** dedicated, set apart, and sacred to the presence of the Lord – **corporately** and **individually**

Spiritual identity according to 1 Peter 2:9

But you are a **chosen people**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, God's **special possession**, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.



(C) Being shaped / fitted together (2:21-22, MSG)

Now he's **using** you, **fitting** you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it **taking shape** day after day—a **holy temple built by God**, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.





(C) Being shaped / fitted together (2:21-22, MSG)

S.H.A.P.E. identifying individual's **God-given purpose** based on:

S – spiritual gifts

H – heart / passion

A – abilities / special skills

P – personality

E – experiences – spiritual, educational, professional

Assessment developed by Rick Warren and Saddleback Church

To uncover & develop your areas of ministry – inside & outside church

Ephesians 2:8-10, NIV

8 For it is by **grace** you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the **gift of God**— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

10 For we are **God's handiwork**, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Life is **God's gift** to us.
What we do with
it is our gift to God.



(D) Be a dwelling place of God in the Spirit (2:22)

22 And in him you too are being built together to become **a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.**

Ezekiel 37:27 My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people.



Eph. 2:19-22

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Reflections

- 1) How does Ephesians 2:19 define our identity within God's household?
- 2) In what ways can we live as "members of God's household" daily?
- 3) What responsibilities come with being "fellow citizens with the saints" in God's Kingdom?
- 4) What area of SHAPE that each of us could develop to serve inside / outside the church?
- 5) What is your takeaway from today's message?