

# The Church: DEFINED

WHO WE ARE VS.  
WHO WE SHOULD BE

## Welcome to the Family

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### EPHESIANS 2:10-22 (NIV)

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. 11 Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)— 12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, 15 by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, 16 and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. 17 He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. 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.

# Notes

(THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)

**LIVE LIKE JESUS,  
LOVE LIKE JESUS...**



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# Going Deeper

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

## QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

Read Ephesians 2:10-22. What or who is God's workmanship (NLT - "masterpiece") according to verse 10? What is the purpose of that masterpiece?

Verse 19 says we are members of God's family. Whose blood unites us?

How would you respond to someone who says, "I love Jesus, but I don't love His church"?

What does it mean to be a member of God's family?

## A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT) - "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us new in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

## TAKE A STEP:

What are some ways we can intentionally nurture the kind of community described in Ephesians 2? What are some ways you personally can do that? How are you using your skills, abilities, and resources to build Jesus' church?

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# All In, Together

## GENERAL OFFERING

2023 Weekly Budget: \$10,187  
Given January 29th: \$2,931  
Difference: (\$7,256)

2023 Annual Budget: \$529,724  
2023 Budget YTD: \$40,748  
2023 Given YTD: \$23,975  
Difference: (\$16,773)

## BUILD YOUR CHURCH FUND

BYC January 29th: \$358  
BYC YTD: \$6,561  
BYC Total Given: \$329,054

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