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TODAY'S MESSAGE | NOVEMBER 21, 2021

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What did you become a part of when you joined a church? A confraternity? A social club? A run-of-the-mill community gathering? As we request you to regather with us on-site (if it's not risky for you and you are physically able), it's timely and appropriate to ask ourselves, "What have I become a part of? What have I gotten myself into, and why is it advantageous to be physically present if possible?"

Our passage tells us that in Christ, we are no longer strangers and aliens. Look at what we have become and what Christ has made you a part of:

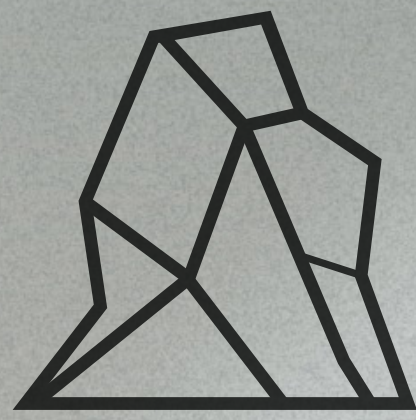
1. We are Fellow citizens of God's Kingdom (Ephesians 2:19)

- God's kingdom is composed of people throughout history who have trusted in Christ (Philippians 3:20). With God, there are no strangers, aliens, or second-class citizens.
- The local church is the gathering of a new humanity, a third race. Enjoy your privileges as a citizen, but please, don't forget your responsibilities too.

2. We are Family members of God's Home (Ephesians 2:19-20)

- God's family (*oikos*), as another reality, takes intimacy with God and others to a higher level. Church is not a building to visit or a Service to attend. The church is family, living life together on mission.
- The foundation wasn't the apostles and prophets personally, but the word of God that they taught authoritatively, which eventually became the New Testament (Romans 15:20). But Jesus Himself is the "foundation of the foundation" – the cornerstone on which the whole structure is built around and aligned.
- You are welcomed into the precious family of God, so love your siblings deeply. If God accepts each one of us, how can we not accept each other?





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3. We are Founding members of God's Temple (Ephesians 2:21-22)

- God's temple is the church, the Body of Christ. Every Christian is a stone in God's temple and, in a real sense, is a founding member (1 Peter 2:5).
- We are being constructed as a dwelling place for the Spirit of God, so let's be holy in the way we behave.

FINAL THOUGHTS

In the saved church is our reconciliation to God and to others. The local church is what you've become a part of – where you are now and where you belong. So in case you haven't formalized your membership yet (for accountability and involvement), please do so as soon as possible. Make sure you become part of a smaller fellowship we call our Growth Groups. Last but not least, find a ministry to serve God in, whether inside GCF or outside; any of these are pleasing to God.

So fellow citizen, dear sibling in Christ, fellow founding member of God's temple – let's get this church going for God!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which of these illustrative relationships in the church – as fellow citizens, as siblings, or as founding members – gave a major insight for you? Why?
2. How did Ephesians 2:19-22 change the way you think about or view the church?
3. Is our church in danger of adding or removing anything from Scripture as its sufficient foundation? (If not, what would be a possible way for that to happen?)
4. As you close, pray for your Pastors and their faithfulness to Christ and His gospel; pray for their protection from the work of the evil one. Pray above all for the continuous unity and harmony of our church.

Download the study guide: bit.ly/EphesiansStudyGuides



The Shepherd's Voice

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*All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:
“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his
name Immanuel” (which means, God with us). – Matthew 1:22-23 (ESV)*

Hope in Christ Alone

How do we read these verses in light of our present situation, locally and globally? We are reminded that God is our faithful Father who keeps His promise by sending His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of people’s sins (Matthew 1:21). Believers today, therefore, must live with confidence and hope through God’s faithful enduring presence in Christ (Matthew 1:22-23, 28:20).

We are about to enter the Christmas season still under a community quarantine. Developed countries who overcame the virus are now dealing with tighter health and safety protocols due to the rise again of COVID-19 cases. Many have lost loved ones and friends. Some still have family members hospitalized or are still recovering from the effects of the virus. Some have lost jobs or their businesses, and are also going through various kinds of mental health issues. This is why we must live with hope in Christ (Isaiah 7:14, 8:8, 10). In light, therefore, of God’s faithful enduring presence and in light of the hope that we have, we are to live lives demonstrating and proclaiming the beauty, greatness, and power of the good news of Jesus Christ to every person, family, our city, our nation, and the world; taking to heart Jesus’ promise – *“I am with you always to the end of the age”* (Matthew 28:20).

Hope Demonstrated: Operation Compassion (OC) Medical Mission

How, then, has our church demonstrated and proclaimed hope in Christ? Dr. JR Buenazedacruz and Deacon Levi Fabellar of Operation Compassion, under the leadership of YWAM Ships and in coordination with local and national agencies, just recently concluded the first IATF and DOH approved medical mission since the pandemic, in far-flung communities in Mindoro, this November 15-19. Let us rejoice for the barangays that have been reached by this Spirit-led partnership. Let us pray that the Lord of the Harvest would call laborers into His harvestfield (Matthew 9:35-38) in order that by 2022, more communities are reached by the love of Christ through the ministry of OC.

For more information on how you can pray and support Operation Compassion’s ministries, contact us at the GCF MDM Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/gcfmdm>.

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7

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GCF BAYANIHAN FOOD STALLS

The GCF Mercy Ministry continues to accept donations, here's how:

For In-Kind Donations: drop off at the GCF Lobby from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

For Cash Donations: give via the GCF bank accounts (gcf.org.ph/give).

Email your deposit slip to finance@gcf.org.ph with the subject "For Bayanihan Food Stall". For questions, contact the Mercy Ministry at 0917 532 7672 or mercy@gcf.org.ph

COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE EFFORTS

You may also give to support the church family's COVID relief efforts.

Just indicate "**For COVID-19 Fund**" when you email your transaction document.

CHURCH UPDATES

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH US ON-SITE!

10:00 AM Worship Service | Present your vaccination card as you enter the building.

2021 GCF CHURCH ELECTIONS (LAST 7 DAYS TO VOTE)

Vote for elders and deacons on-site or online until **November 28**.
Visit election.gcf.org.ph for more information. Contact **Grace Mosquera** at election@gcf.org.ph for inquiries.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION

Available during the 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. service only

REMINDERS OF GOD'S CARE AND FAITHFULNESS DEVOTIONALS

Tuesdays | 8:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

THE GCF FAMILY'S HOUR OF PRAYER

Thursdays | 8:00 p.m. | via Zoom

KidsLIFE ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Saturdays | Little Ones - 10:00 a.m. | Growing Kids - 10:15 a.m. | Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

LIVestream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays | 5:00 p.m. | Livestream on GCF YouTube and Facebook

FAMILY GGEX (GROWTH GROUP EXPRESS)

Every Sunday Morning | 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 nn

GGEx Leader: Pastor Emerson Manaloto | Zoom: bit.ly/FamilyGGEx

Passcode: familyGGEx | For Inquiries, contact Marj at 0917-779-1549

TELECONSULTATION SERVICE

For appointments or questions, contact:

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HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Message us your prayer requests at:

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ONLINE VISITOR'S CENTER

We are so glad you're here today! We want to personally welcome you via Zoom after the 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Worship Services.

Zoom Room: bit.ly/WelcometoGCF | **Welcome Form:** bit.ly/GCFWelcome



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