**Building a Good Foundation, #3**

***God’s Household/Building***

In the first lesson on this year’s theme (as determined by our Elders), we considered two questions relative to *Jesus Christ* being the *Chief-Cornerstone:* 1) “Why is He the *Chief Cornerstone?”;* and, 2) “Why are the *Apostles* and *Prophets* the *Foundation* of God’s *Household?”;* both were taken from and answered with Eph.2:19-20 and its context. Then in the second lesson on this same theme, we looked at the *negative* view of these things from 1Pet.2:6-8 with regard to why Jesus, the *Precious* and *Chief Cornerstone,* to some became instead the *Stone the Builders Rejected-* a *Stone of Stumbling* and *Rock of Offence*.

In today’s installment, let’s go back to our theme text of Eph.2:19-22 to consider ***“the building”***built upon *“the foundation of the apostles and prophets”* that has *“Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone.”*

**This *Building* is *God’s Household,* v.19; cf. 1Cor.3:9,16; Gal.6:10; 1Tim.3:15**

1. **Made with *stones* of “*fellow-citizens,”* cf. 1:5,18-23; rather than *strangers and aliens,* cf. 2:11-12,17**
2. **As *stones fitted together,* v.21a; cf. 4:1-6,15**
3. **That *grow,* v.21b (because they are *living* as He *lives,* 1Pet.2:4-5); cf. Col.2:7**
4. **Into a *holy temple in the Lord,* v.21c; cf. 1Pet.1:16**
5. **For a *dwelling of God in the Spirit,* v.22; cf. John 14:23**

**Now, are YOU ready to:**

1. **Stop being a *stranger/alien* and become a *citizen?***
2. **Be *fitted together* with *Christ* the *Chief Cornerstone* and *other stones* in the *building?***
3. ***Grow* as a *living stone?***
4. **Be *holy* even as He is *holy* (1Pet.1:15-16)**
5. **Become a *dwelling of God in the Spirit?***