



# A Dwelling Place For God

We live in a culture of rampant individualism. God's kingdom is counter cultural. Our identity as Christians is found not in digging deeper within, but looking to Christ and living a life of service to others. These verses share God's purpose in his Church and also his process in building the church.

## Purpose.

That through this community of church God should create a place where God lives by his Spirit; the place on earth where human beings can experience the love and power of God.

## Process.

It takes work. We need to:

### **1. Build ON foundations:**

Jesus the Cornerstone. Apostles and Prophets.

### **2. Build IN:**

This building is joined together, involving all different types of people, but with one core understanding: *"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."* (**Ephesians 4: 3-6**)

### **3. Build UP so it rises to become a temple.**

It takes time, but the Church's future is glorious!

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## Questions:

- **View of Church.** When you read the Old Testament accounts of the tabernacle and temple etc, do you think we have settled for too low a view of church as God's dwelling place on earth?
- **Individualism.** Can you see the fingerprints of individualistic thinking on your own view of God and his plans? Why is this unhelpful?
- **Correct view of self.** How does a correct understanding of our purpose in building God's House keep us a) encouraged b) humble
- **The Presence.** This idea can sometimes feel mystical. How do we genuinely experience the presence of God in church and in day to day life?
- **God is among you.** The Corinthian church had guts that were hard for non-believers to understand, but displayed the presence of God. How can we pursue God's presence together and it also be helpful for non-believers in the room?



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