

### 3. God brings unity to believers (2:19-22).

- Both Gentile and Jew share alike in the blessings of God's Redemption. Focus on the one body rather than the two groups.
  1. Figure of Citizenship – Citizenship – equal standing with Jews. Both meet same condition – faith in Jesus.
    - They are not strangers visiting a foreign land.
    - There are no first class members in the church.
    - The terms of admission are the same for all
  2. Family– household – this is a more intimate relationship than citizenship. Idea now of brothers and sisters.
  3. Building–v. 20 Building – cornerstone as the most important.
    - Cornerstone finalizes its shape; all other stones must adjust themselves to this cornerstone
    - Christ gives the house direction.
    - Christ gives direction but also is the principle of growth.
- Living building with living stones, believers.