

*“In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are **buildded together** for an habitation of God through the Spirit.” Ephesians 2:21-22 KJV*



God “dwelleth not in temples made with hands.” He dwells with the “lively stones” of His own people. He “fitly frames” them together into “an habitation of God; Jesus Christ Himself being the Chief Corner Stone.” No one brick in a building is better than the next. The building’s strength comes from their unity of purpose through alignment with the corner. “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.” Brotherly love of believers is only possible if founded on the love of Christ Himself. “By this shall all men know that ye are MY disciples, IF YE HAVE LOVE one to another.” Love isn’t a feeling it’s an action. Loving the brethren is caring for physical needs where possible. “If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, ‘Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled;’ notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?” But more importantly, encouraging one another in faith “Speaking the Truth in Love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the Head, even Christ: From whom the whole Body fitly joined together...maketh increase of the Body unto the edifying of itself in Love. Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.” Jesus asked Peter, “Lovest thou me?” Peter said, “Yea Lord, Thou knowest.” But Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.” If you do not “feed” the brethren, you do not love Christ. I’m sure the Apostle Paul makes this statement, “The Love of Christ constraineth me.” It wasn’t his love for Christ he meant, but Christ’s love for him. “Great peace have they which love Thy Law and nothing shall offend them.” Jesus said; “If ye love me, keep my commandments. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another.” The mortar that binds the Church of Jesus Christ together is the Love of God for us. Without mortar the building falls! The Body of Christ cannot be “fitly framed TOGETHER” until individual obedience is constrained (molded) by the LOVE of Jesus Christ. “We love Him, because He first loved us.” Love for Christ is predicated upon His love for us which was given by a Blood Covenant between Father and Son. “In hope of Eternal Life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son; that WHOSOEVER believeth in Him should no perish, but have Everlasting Life.” Christ’s Love for us is the cornerstone to which we align our thoughts and faith so we may truly be the “habitation of God.” It is “Christ in us, (that is, God’s Word being the foundation of all our thoughts) the hope of glory!”

Our lives must keep the ordered line,
Of Christ’s own love, Supreme, Divine,
That we may claim at end of time,
“I am my Lord’s and He is mine!” ~CGP

Have you heard the expression, “If these walls could talk?” Well, the “stones” in the “habitation of God” are commanded to give witness to the indwelling majesty and grace of Eternity’s Sovereign! “By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.” “O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His Grace!” Not all bricks at the building site are used. Some are broken and others imperfect. If we yield to the hand of the Master Builder, we will be “buildded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.”

“Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the Law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2 KJV