

**Principle Four** (v.22): Because of Jesus we have the Holy Spirit as our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Application:** Be \_\_\_\_\_ to the Spirit's promptings so that we can take the things out of our lives that should not be there and add the things that should.

Reference: **Ephesians 4:30** (see screen)

## **What Am I Doing Here? Part 9**

*Jesus... Our Cornerstone*

Reference: **Ephesians 2:19-22**

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The word "precious" is defined as an object, substance, or resource of \_\_\_\_\_, something that is not to be wasted or treated carelessly.

Jesus Christ, Himself is called the precious \_\_\_\_\_ of God's redemptive plan.

Reference: **Isaiah 28:16** (see screen)

A cornerstone is a stone that forms the \_\_\_\_\_ of a corner of a building, joining two walls. It is the first part of the foundation that ensures every other part or the rest of the stones in a building align properly.

Reference: **Romans 6:23** (see screen)

### **Exposition:**

**verse nineteen** (see screen)

A person who is a citizen of the U.S. has \_\_\_\_\_, regardless of how you became a citizen whether born here or not.

Such had been the position for the Gentiles in relation to the kingdom of God before the coming of Christ. But now they (Christians) enjoy **all the** \_\_\_\_\_ of God's new people.

Reference: **Philippians 3:20** (see screen)

We are members of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. We receive eternal love from the Father just as He gave to His Son, Jesus.

Reference: **Hebrews 3:6** (see screen)

**verse twenty** (see screen)

The word "built" is the \_\_\_\_\_ usage of the word build.

At the lowest load-bearing part of a building is called the \_\_\_\_\_. Every part of the building is dependent on the foundation.

The structure of which we are members of, the \_\_\_\_\_, was built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets and that Jesus Christ Himself is the chief cornerstone.

Reference: **1 Corinthians 3:11** (see screen)

Paul calls Christ, Himself the foundation here, however, the apostles and prophets consider the foundation as those who were closely associated with Christ in the establishment of the church. They were the witnesses of His resurrection appearances and the preachers of the good news. Filled with and guided by the Spirit, they had a unique role in establishing the church.

Without the proper foundation, no structure will last.

As it relates to God, as it relates to us as Christians, as it relates to the church, that foundation is \_\_\_\_\_.

**verse twenty-one** (see screen)

In this passage, Paul is making it clear that Jesus is the foundation in which all believers fit together and become the whole building.

Christians are the individual \_\_\_\_\_ that when fitted together form the church on which Jesus Christ is the foundation.

The word church actually means “those who are \_\_\_\_\_ out.”

In this sense there is only \_\_\_\_\_ church and that is called the universal church or the Body of Christ.

Reference: **Romans 12:5** (see screen)

**verse twenty-two** (see screen)

Reference: **Ephesians 2:13** (see screen)

“*Dwelling*” denotes the \_\_\_\_\_ **resting place** either on earth or in heaven.

Now He (God) makes His home in the church. All this is achieved not only by \_\_\_\_\_ but also in the \_\_\_\_\_.

Reference: **John 15:26** (see screen)

Questions about the Holy Spirit:

1. Who exactly does the Spirit indwell?

Reference: **1 Corinthians 3:16** (see screen)

He dwells in all \_\_\_\_\_.

2. How does He help us?

References: **Galatians 5:22; 1 Corinthians 12:7** (see screen)

He guides us in the way of \_\_\_\_\_, and when we walk in the truth the results are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness.

The Holy Spirit dwells in us and helps us, counsels us in truth, rewards our efforts, and \_\_\_\_\_ us to help each other.

**Principle One** (v.19): Because of Jesus Christ, Christians are fully \_\_\_\_\_ of Heaven.

Reference: **John 3:3** (see screen)

**Application One:** \_\_\_\_\_ that as Christians we already have citizenship in heaven, there is nothing we can do to gain our certificate, Jesus has already done it and in doing so has made us new creatures.

Reference: **2 Corinthians 5:17** (see screen)

**Principle Two** (v.20): Because of Jesus we have a \_\_\_\_\_ with which to build.

**Application Two:** \_\_\_\_\_ and **understand** Scripture.

References: **1 Peter 2:6; 1 Timothy 3:1-6** (see screen)

**Principle Three** (v.21): Because of Jesus we are \_\_\_\_\_ as the church.

**Application:** \_\_\_\_\_!

Reference: **Hebrews 10:25** (see screen)