

people and also members of his household, **20** built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. **21** In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. **22** And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

What I Have Learned

Use the words or phrases in the Word Bank to complete the following sentences.

Word Bank		
blood of Christ	God	Gentiles
covenants	hope	far away

Paul reminded the Ephesian believers that they were formerly _____ by birth and considered foreigners or strangers to the _____ of His promise. They were without _____ and _____ in this world. Those who were once _____ have been brought near through the _____.

Keep In Mind

“In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord”
(Ephesians 2:21, NIV).

Choosing What’s Best

What are some issues that cause divisions within the body of Christ? Work in groups to identify problems and summarize your findings.

Doing My Part

Your challenge this week is to develop strategies to unite those in the body of Christ. One way is to seek opportunities to visit different churches or invite those of different nationalities or denominations to yours.