



**SERIES: JANUARY – BECOMING SPIRITUALLY FIT**

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**Scripture: Ephesians 2:19-22**

**TITLE: Building Biblical Community**

When our son would have procedures at Children’s Hospital, I would quiz the people who would enter our room. I would ask them, “What are the core values of Children’s Hospital.” From the doctors to the dieticians to the housekeepers, each one knew their core values. You see, a unified community is built upon a firm foundation. For an organization, it’s their values. But for us, it’s something far greater.

What is that foundation? Why does this matter to you? Listen to what Paul said about our spiritual family in Ephesians 2:19-22.

*So, then, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God’s household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole building, being put together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you are also being built together for God’s dwelling in the Spirit.*

I don’t know where you work or worked. I don’t know much, if anything, about your family. I don’t know where you live or who you do life with. But there are few relationships that are to be as deep, caring, and unifying as the community we are brought into through Christ.

Paul says, at one time, you are no longer strangers and foreigners. Now, I’ve been able to travel to many different countries. And whenever I arrive, I feel both excitement and anxiety. I’m a stranger in a strange land. The language is different. The culture is different. But when I get home, I am no longer a foreigner. I am right where I belong.

Well, when we get saved, we become part of a new people group. We become children of God. Paul would call us saints. We can’t earn that title. We can’t buy that title. No person can give it to us. By God’s grace, we are declared righteous and made citizens of heaven.

Day by day, we are becoming transformed by God’s Word in the power of the Spirit. By God’s work, we become a worthy example of a dwelling place for the Spirit. When you’re here in the presence of God, you are family.

So here’s my challenge for you today. Identify where you struggle with this concept. Many of us bring some kind of baggage into the church. It prevents us from becoming all God saved us to be. So identify where you’re struggling. Then ask God for help to begin becoming a saint in God’s household.