The Magnificence of the Lord’s Holy Temple
Eph. 2:19-22

Introduction:
A. The world’s magnificent temples and buildings.
   1. Solomon’s Temple.
   2. Temple of Diana.
   3. Great Cathedrals.
   4. Mansions of rich and famous.
B. None match the magnificence of the temple described by Paul — the church.
C. God’s temple (universal or local) consists of two great parts.

Discussion:
I. The Foundation (v. 20).
   A. Christ with the apostles and prophets (Eph. 3:1-5; Heb. 2:1-4).
   B. No other foundation acceptable (1 Cor. 3:9-11; Gal. 1:6-9).
II. The Framing (v. 21; cf. 1 Pet. 2:5)
   B. Various offices/functions framed together (Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:25-30; Eph. 4:11, 16).
   C. Various ages framed together (1 John 2:13, 14; Paul & Timothy)
   D. Various strengths framed together (Rom. 14:1; 15:1-7; 1 Thess. 5:14; Heb. 5:12-14)
   E. All framed together in a common faith (cf. Jude 3)
      1. Common plan of salvation and forgiveness.
      2. Common Worship.
      3. Common Work (Only differing in ability).
   F. All framed together rather than departmentalized.
      1. Social gospel departmentalizes — various groups have different social needs.
      2. Gospel of Christ blends — all groups have same basic spiritual needs.
      3. Differ on in suitability for roles

Conclusion:
A. Why is it so magnificent?
   1. Rests on divine foundation.
   2. Blends such variety into one harmonious unit.
B. There is a place for you in this great temple.