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God's Church

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Ephesians 2:19-22 (NKJV)

¹⁹Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²²in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Introduction

I believe that many have misguided views of the local church. They think of attending church and not being the church. For them, church is a nice place where they can experience enjoyable programs and feel good, much like going to a theater. They hope that the program would end quickly because they do not want to miss their after-church schedules.

They become spiritual consumers and not part, nor being built up together and ministering to others. They shop around for people that best meet their felt needs, much like going to a mall. If they like the service offered and felt good, they will come again. But when they decide that it is not meeting their needs, they would find another.

They do not want to commit or get involved. They are "me-centered" and just wanted to be church-daters and not to be church-married. So, when they are hurt by someone in the church, they get out. But commitment is what keeps your marriage going. You will make things work and be better because you are committed to your marriage. You are motivated "till death do us part."

The church is God's kingdom, His household, and His temple where He dwells.

A. The church is God's kingdom.

Once strangers and aliens, but we are now fellow citizens with the saints. Our spiritual new birth in Christ has made us citizens of God's kingdom.

As citizens, God (our king) gave us the rights, privileges, benefits, and protection from the enemies. But these come with duties and responsibilities. When the king calls you into battle, you must be willing to go and fight for the sake of the kingdom. When the king asks you to represent Him, you gladly do so.

1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

B. The church is God's household.

To be a member of a household is personal and more intimate. Family members know one another. They belong to one another. They eat together and have fellowship with one another. They talk about the things that matter in the family. They worship together and grow together.

C. The church is God's temple.

The temple is where God manifests His presence in a special way. In the Old Testament, the temple was a sacred building. But in the New Testament, our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:19

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

- God founded the church with Jesus Christ as central (chief cornerstone) to everything.
- God is fitting and growing the members (living stones) together into a holy temple in the Lord.
- God is building the church together to be His own dwelling place in the Spirit.

Conclusion

The temple refers to the inner sanctuary, the Most Holy Place. God does not dwell where sin is tolerated or excused away. The temple is also a place where the treasures are stored to display its riches and glory.

If you carry with you a small amount of money, you can walk rather carefree. But if you have with you a very large amount of money, you will walk more carefully, as to guarding and being aware of any approaching danger.

We are God's temple. We must be careful to walk in holiness.

Be married to a church. Do not be a church-dater.

- Commit to a church and make it a priority.
- Obey your leaders and find ways to serve.
- Be a giver and support the church testimony.
- Connect with people and share your passion.



Rev. Dr. James C. Sy Administrative Pastor

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SETTING THE STANDARD FOR holistic growth

CA students and parents gave their utmost gratitude for the role of the school to their child's development throughout the school year. Few of the things that they highlight are the Christian values that they observed with their children, which is a reflection of inculcating the Word of God to the students, day by day. While UCA sets a standard for quality education, parents and guardians also commend the caring and safe environment that UCA ensures to each and every student. All glory and honor belongs to our God for the opportunity He had opened for the school to be Christ's ambassador.

What I like about UCA is how they encourage the students to study harder and be God-fearing. I also like that they have programs on how to make the kids smarter and more God-fearing, as well as on wanting to help others. Also, UCA encourages and makes its students stronger in different paths of their lives. So I believe that this is the right school for you when you want to believe in God and study hard. UCA started from something small and

now it is somewhere far and very successful. So what are you waiting for? I can't wait to see

> Andrei Hautea Grade 4 Online Pupil Bangkok, Thailand

I am grateful to the UCA teachers and administrators for being approachable and helpful. They encourage their students to do their best, they allow every child to explore the things that they're good at, to have social interactions with other students through yearly activities, and to help the students to be Christ-centered individuals. I highly recommend UCA to other parents because I can see their genuine care for their students and they help them strive to reach their goals. It makes me feel secured knowing my child is in great hands with them.

Carren Trinidad

Parent of a Grade 8 Student

Las Piñas City, Philippines



I am grateful for the opportunity to enroll my children in a Christian school where they can receive a faith-based education that aligns with our family's values and beliefs. It is comforting to know that their spiritual growth is nurtured alongside their academic development. From daily prayers to Bible studies, these experiences

shape their world view and strengthen their relationship with God.

Parent of Grade 1 and 3 Pupils
Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

As a family, we are thankful for what UCA has done to our son in honing his academic skills and also his interpersonal and socialization skills. We are blessed because he has come to know the Lord and his faith has grown. We are also thankful to the teachers who have helped him with his growth spiritually and academically. Thank you, UCA!

Jeanette De Guzman

Parent of a Grade 1 Pupil

Parañaque City, Philippines

Ephesians 2:4-! (NKJV) ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),



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them to different areas of learning and experiences.

 6 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NKJV)

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Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV) For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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PROVERBS 3:11-12 (NKJV

¹¹My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor detest His correction; ¹²For whom the Lord loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.







Living by God's grace, their patience to life's circumstances lead them more to continuously seek God in their lives.



PSALM 103:13 (NKJV)

As a father pities his children, So the Lord pities those who fear Him.

The righteous man walks in his integrity; His children are blessed after him.













DEUTERONOMY 8:5 (NKJV

You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastens you.



















¹⁷And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. ¹⁸For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 2:17-18 (NKJV)

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