Day 15

Built Up Together

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:19–22

Key Verse

"...Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone."
Ephesians 2:20

Today's Devotional

When most people think of a church, they picture a building.

A sanctuary.

A steeple.

Rows of pews or chairs.

Yet the New Testament consistently reminds us that **the church is not a building—it is a people.**

Paul paints a beautiful picture in Ephesians 2. Believers from every background have become members of one household. We are being "built together" into a dwelling place for God by His Spirit.

Notice the emphasis.

We are **built together**.

No stone becomes a building by itself.

Each one is carefully placed by the Master Builder.

Each one supports the others.

Each one has purpose.

Most importantly, **Jesus Christ is the Cornerstone**.

In ancient construction, the cornerstone determined the alignment of the entire building. If it was placed incorrectly, every wall would eventually become crooked.

Likewise, everything about the church must be aligned with Christ.

Our preaching.

Our worship.

Our ministries.

Our leadership.

Our relationships.

Our mission.

If Christ is not central, eventually everything else begins to drift.

As we prepare for our second worship service, we are not trying to build *our* church.

We are participating in what **Christ is already building**.

That changes our perspective.

We are stewards—not owners.

Servants—not celebrities.

Builders alongside the Master Builder.

Perhaps today is a good day to thank God that He has graciously placed you within this church family.

You are not here by accident.

God has positioned you within this body to encourage others, to grow in your faith, and to help accomplish His mission.

Every faithful believer strengthens the entire church.

Think About It

1. Do I think of church primarily as a place I attend or a family to which I belong?
2. Is Christ truly the cornerstone of my life?
3. How can I intentionally strengthen another believer this week?

Today's Prayer

Father,

Thank You for making me part of Your family.

Thank You for the privilege of belonging to the body of Christ here at Riva Trace Baptist Church.

Help us remain firmly anchored upon Jesus Christ.

Protect us from building upon personalities, traditions, or preferences.

May everything we do point people to Your Son.

Amen.

Today's Fast

Fast from isolation.

Call, visit, or encourage another member of the church today.

Pray together if possible.

Prayer Focus

Pray that Christ will always remain the unquestioned foundation and centerpiece of every ministry at Riva Trace Baptist Church.