

**Sermon Notes – June 7, 2015**  
**“The Church IS a Building – and More!”**  
**Ephesians 2:19-22**  
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**While most Christians recognize that the Church has more to do with people than buildings, in what ways do we associate a church community with location and buildings?**

- What are some ways in which a church’s property and buildings are important?
- How do you think East Main would fare if our building were destroyed?

Note other passages that compare the Church to a building:

- 1 Cor. 3:9-16
- 1 Peter 2:5
- The particular building these passages have in mind is the Temple in Jerusalem.

**How has Jesus fulfilled what was intended by the Tabernacle and the Temple?**

- John 4:19-26
- Hebrews 9:11-24
- Luke 23:45

**How are Ephesians 2 and 1 Corinthians 3 alike and different in their descriptions of the foundation upon which God’s new “building” is built?**

**In 1 Corinthians 3:16 and 6:19 what is Paul getting at in comparing the Temple to God’s people today?**

- In what areas do you find what he says challenging?

**How does the Ephesians 2 context of:**

- Salvation by grace through faith (verses 8-10), and
  - The inclusion of the Gentiles into God’s covenant people
- relate to verses 19-22?**

**What are some contemporary equivalents of 1st century Jews and Gentiles?**

**Are there groups of people whom East Main finds hard to include?**