

**20230129 We are being built together
(The wall that must be broken first)**

Rebuilding Part 3

Ephesians 2:19-22; Nehemiah 3

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,

²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.

²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

There needs be a distinction between two different kinds of walls in our life:

The wall to be broken: Our false system of security in personal possession

The wall to be built: The true system of security in oneness in God

Everyone born in this natural world has a wall that was built to protect their natural life.

This wall is the concept of personal possession that causes separation and disconnection from one another

This system was built upon the lie from the enemy. It's false yet it became actualized in this world.

The sign of the brokenness of the false system by the presence of the Spirit

Acts 2:44-45

⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common.

⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

This wall of personal possession which governs the whole system of this world has to be broken in our mind before we want to establish a new kind of wall.

People don't believe the reality of the kingdom of God. Why is that?

It's because, since their whole life is built upon this false system of security in personal possession, they think if they give up that familiar system, then they could not survive.

The kingdom of God reality in nature

Matthew 6:26-29

²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

The opposite of this false reality of disconnection is God's reality which is Koinonia, the fellowship.

John 17:20-23

²⁰ "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,

²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—

²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.

Acts 2:46

⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.

The gospel of Christ is the power of God, and therefore, must be experienced in the spirit of believers, not just understood in their mind.

Transformation in the reality of the kingdom of God

- We begin to worship God from our spirit because our spirit now sees the spiritual reality.

- We begin to love the church and cherish its fellowship, because we dwell in oneness.
- We serve God's purpose with all our being, because we now see that that's the only life out there in God's kingdom.
- We share the message of new life with others with passion.
- God's call becomes truly our priority.
- Our heart is filled with overflowing joy which we didn't even know it existed.
- The life of Christ, once an aspiration to us, becomes real in our life.
- And the word of God becomes truly alive when we meditate it.

Application

How can the reality of God become real to us?

- Come to Jesus and drink His truth -

John 7:37-38

³⁷ Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.

³⁸ Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."