# Conviction 4: THE LOCAL CHURCH



Ephesians 2:19-22 Sam Lago September 23, 2018

#### I. OUTPOST OF GOD'S KINGDOM

# A. No longer Strangers and Aliens

See 2:1-3

- 1. Death
- 2. Enslaved
- 3. Condemned
- 4. <u>Separated</u> (2:12)
  - a. From God's King (Christ)
  - b. From God's People
  - c. From God's Covenant
  - d. From God Himself!
  - e. From <u>Hope</u>

## **B. Citizens!**

- 1. Fellow Citizens: Jews and Gentiles together
- 2. Citizens of King Jesus (In Him)

## II. MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY

- A. Reconciled Family
- **B.** The Cost of Reconciliation

## C. The Result of Reconciliation: Access

- 1. Through Jesus Christ
- 2. By the Spirit
- 3. To the Father

## III. BUILDING BLOCKS OF GOD'S HOUSE

#### A. Foundation

- 1. Scriptures
- 2. Centered on Jesus Christ

#### B. Growth

- 1. By the Spirit
- 2. Growth (as) Maturity
- 3. Growth (as) Numbers

#### C. To be God's House

- 1. Temple
  - a. A place to Encounter God
  - b. A place to Celebrate God
  - c. A place to Know God's blessings
    - i. Forgiveness
    - ii. <u>Healing</u>
    - iii. <u>Learning</u>
    - iv. Growth
- 2. The Temple is the People not the Building!