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lationship into which men are brought by the cross of Christ. We are called to be the heralds of peace. This is Christianity.

III. THE BUILDING OF GOD (vs. 19-22).

This section of the epistle reaches its climax in the closing verses of the chapter. Here we have the end and highest destiny of the church. It is not simply to be saved and brought nigh to God, though that is enough to fill our mouths with joyful praise forever; nor is it simply to be brought into the blessed fellowship of the brotherhood of saints, whose fellowship is "so with the Father and with the Son, Jesus Christ," though this again adds to the exaltation and glory of our salvation. It is, in addition to all that, to be made a house, a dwelling place of God himself, a temple, even a holy of holies, a "habitation of God." *Being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom each several building fitly framed together groweth into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are builded together for a habitation of God through the Spirit.* Such is the Church which is being constructed from the gathered materials.

The variety of aspects of the work of God is almost infinite. That which we have been looking at as a new Man, appears now as a building—a temple. But it is the same thing. There we were taught the fellowship of saints, and here the purpose of God to form for Himself a sanctuary, for His own indwelling.

But we see in this passage that this building is peculiarly and strangely constructed. It is formed of stones