

## Revision: Rethinking Church V

### “Household of God”

*NKJ Ephesians 2:19* Now, therefore, you are **no longer strangers and foreigners**, but **fellow citizens** with the saints and members of the **household of God**,

*NLT Ephesians 2:19* So now you Gentiles are **no longer strangers and foreigners**. **You are citizens** along with all of God’s holy people. You are **members of God’s family**.

The Bible is a book of relationships.

Genesis can also be described as a book about relationships.

*Genesis shows us relationships such as those between Adam, the man and woman, Cain and Abel, Seth’s descendants and those of Cain, Abraham and Lot, Sarah and Hagar, Jacob and Esau, and Joseph and his brothers.*

### I

The church is His multimember household. *Vs 19*

There is one household with many members.

This text conveys two ideas, union with God and union with the chosen people.

In life we have to deal with all kind of relationships positive and negative.

In the household there are foes, fakes, fools and frauds.

In the household there are friends, favorites and fascinating members.

- The household prepares us to deal with the world.

*KJV 1 Peter 4:17* For the time is come that judgment must begin at the **house of God**: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?

## II

The church is a multinational household. *Vs 19*

Strangers were non-citizens as opposed to the native-born people.

Foreigners were, immigrants, free to intercourse with the citizens, although no citizenship rights were acquired.

Foreigners could only look on as spectators, without mingling in the scenes of state, or interfering in any way in the affairs of the government.

In the household there are equitable rights and privileges for all the family members.

- The household is larger than our familiar relationships.
- The household is inclusive of our unfamiliar relationships.

## III

The church is a multifaceted household.

The household is where you learn to resolve conflict.

God is King, ruler and magistrate in the kingdom.

God is Father to His children, who are under His protection and care in the household.

Father's children have the nearest access and most intimate communion with them.

*Father wounds* are one if, not the biggest, hurdle a man or woman has to overcome to get back to our Father.

In the household we learn to acknowledge pain.

In the household we learn to resolve conflict.

In the household we learn to listen.

In the household we learn our voice.

- In the household we get our roots, our foundations.
- In the household we receive our wings, confidence to soar in life.

*We are the household of God.*