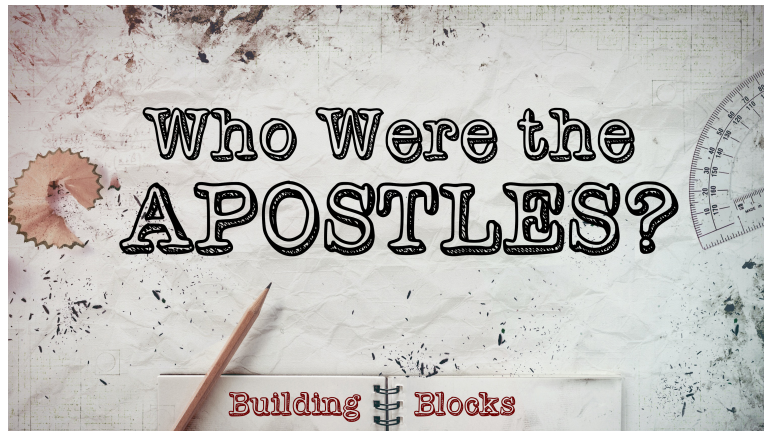


04 • Part of the Church's Foundation

The church is made up of people who have been made disciples of Jesus Christ ([Matt 28:19-20](#); [Eph 1:22-23](#); [2:18-19](#)). The church is built on a very specific foundation.



_____ is the Cornerstone

"This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the _____." ([Acts 4:11](#))

For no one can lay a _____ other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ([1 Cor 3:11](#))

Also Part of the Church's Foundation?

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the _____ and

_____, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. ([Eph 2:19-21](#))

"**The prophets**" are an indispensable part of the church's foundation. Men like Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel "spoke from God as they were _____ along by the Holy Spirit" ([2 Pet 1:21](#)). But they weren't the only ones. "**The apostles**" were "eyewitnesses" of Jesus' majesty ([2 Pet 1:16](#)) and guided "into all the _____" by the same Holy Spirit ([John 16:12-13](#)).

The foundation has been laid. It's our responsibility and privilege to build and be built on it ([Eph 2:22](#)).



For Class & Family Discussion:

- ▶ The apostle Paul makes a very exclusive statement in [1 Corinthians 3:11](#). What does he mean and why would he say such a thing?
- ▶ If I'm going to be "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets" ([Eph 2:19-20](#)), what must I do?
- ▶ "...in (Christ Jesus) the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit" ([Eph 2:21-22](#)). In your own words, what are we being taught in these verses?
- ▶ We heard about the vitally important work of the apostles and prophets in [2 Peter 1](#). Take the time to scan [2 Peter 2](#). How does it help us realize the value of a solid foundation?
- ▶ In [2 Peter 3:1-3](#), the prophets and apostles are mentioned again. How does their work continue to benefit us?
- ▶ What sort of "care" must we take according to [2 Peter 3:14-18](#)?