**The Conclusion: Eph.2:19-22**

So then, no longer are you foreigners and aliens,

but you are fellow-citizens of **the holies** and householders of God,

**having been built** upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets,

Christ Jesus Himself being Cornerstone,

By (*en*) Whom **every building** being joined together,

grows into a **holy** temple by (*en*) *the* Lord

by (*en*) Whom also you are being built together for a dwelling of God by (*en*) *the* Spirit.

**NOTE:** God (Father), Christ Jesus (Lord), and Spirit working together in framing this new temple.

**cp. Eph.4:4-6:**

One body and

**one Spirit**, according as even

you were called in one hope of your calling

**one Lord**,

one faith,

one baptism,

**one God and Father** of all, Who is over all and through all and among all.

**NOTE:** Spirit, Lord and God (Father) together in these 7-fold examples of unity.

**“by spirit” in Ephesians-Colossians**

**God’s temple (2:22):**

by Whom also you are being built together for a dwelling of God by *the* Spirit.

**The secret (3:5)**:

which for other ages was not made known to the sons of man, as now it was revealed to His holy apostles and prophets by spirit (or by *the* Spirit).

**Heart-psalming (5:18-19)**:

Be not drunk with wine in which is dissipation, but be filled by *the* Spirit (dative case), speaking to one another by psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and psalming in your heart to *the* Lord (if the contents filling us were meant, i.e., “spirit”, the genitive would have been used – filling a container would use the accusative)

**Prayer for all seasons (6:18)**:

through every prayer and petition praying in every season by (or *in*) spirit (cp. Jude 1:20)

**Your love (Col.1:8):**

(Epaphras) who declared to us your love by (or *in*) spirit

**NOTE:**

1. “God is spirit.” (Joh.4:24 – not “a spirit”, but His essence is “spirit”)
2. Therefore, any text speaking of the “spirit of God” is speaking of “God Himself”.

E.g., when the spirit of God moved over the face of the waters in Gen.1:2, it was God Himself, not the demiurge of God (per the Gnostics) or some wooden instrument. If I were to admit that my hand committed murder, it would be a confession that I myself did the act.

1. Two texts in John are inexplicable grammatically, unless “the Spirit the Holy” (“the Encourager”) is taken as a person like you and me.
   1. Joh.14:26 – “But the Encourager, the Spirit (n.) the Holy, whom (or which – the relative pro. could be m. or n.) the Father will send in My name, **That One** (*ekeinos* – m.) will teach you all things…”
   2. Joh.15:26 – “Whenever the Encourager may come, whom (or which - m. or n.) I will send you from the Father, the Spirit (n.) of the truth (f.) going out from the Father, **That One** (*ekeinos* – m.) will testify about Me.”
   3. And aren’t **teaching** and **testifying** primarily the acts of an agent?