



The Church: God's Building

I Corinthians 3:9-17

1Corinthians 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. ¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw – ¹³each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. ¹⁶Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

GOD'S BUILDING

1. THE OWNER: GOD

1 Corinthians 3:9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

2. THE MASTER BUILDER: PAUL

1 Corinthians 3:10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation...

3. THE FRAMER: APOLLOS

1 Corinthians 3:10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it...

4. THE FOUNDATION: JESUS CHRIST

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5. THE OTHER BUILDERS: GOD'S PEOPLE

1 Corinthians 3:10 ...Let each one take care how he builds upon it 3:12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation...

3:14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.

6. THE BUILDING MATERIALS

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- A. A day has been determined for a final building inspection
- B. Rewards will be given and received
- C. Rewards will be lost

THE WARNING

1 Corinthians 3:16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

Lessons...

- The church belongs to God.
- God graciously gifts certain people in unique ways and commissions them to do pioneering work.
- Laying right foundations is the important work of these 'apostolic' leaders and carries great accountability.
- God graciously allows His people to co-labor together with Him by using their gifts to serve and build each other up.
- All of God's people will one day be rewarded by Christ based on how they worked in His church.

Closed Circuit for New Life...

1. Foundations
2. Serving
3. Planting
4. Dividing

Brother's Keeper Thought:

Share with your small group or spiritual partner where the Holy Spirit is revealing to you that you have built your ministry, marriage, family, or life on a man-centered foundation.

Bible Reading Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sun.: 2 Cor. 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mon.: 2 Cor. 13 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tues.: Gal. 1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wed.: Gal. 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> Thurs.: Gal. 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> Fri.: Gal. 4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sat.: Gal. 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sun.: Gal. 6 | |