

# 1 Corinthians 3:10-23 Building on the Foundation

- Verse of the week: 1 Cor. 3:16 “Do you not know that you are a temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?”
- Issue No. 1—Divisions and quarrels among believers
  - Worldly thinking (wisdom) and prideful boasting in men
  - Ignoring the centrality of the message of the cross
  - Failing to recognize wisdom comes from the Spirit of God
  - Spiritual infants walking in the flesh
- The foundation v. 10
  - By grace, Paul as a master builder, established the foundation
    - For the church at Corinth
      - » Jesus Christ and Him Crucified
- All subsequent builders must show caution v. 11-15
  - No building can have two foundations
  - And the materials used for building
    - Will be revealed
      - » Gold, Precious stones, silver or
      - » Wood, hay, straw
  - By testing through fire
    - The quality of the builders work will also be revealed
  - Work that remains will be rewarded
  - Work that is burnt up will suffer loss
    - Yet will the builder be saved as one having gone through the fire
- Do you not know? v. 16-17
  - You’re the temple of God
    - Built on the foundation of Christ Jesus
      - » And the very Spirit of God dwells in you
    - Don’t destroy the temple or God will destroy you
- Let no man deceive himself and boast in men v. 18-23 1 Cor. 1:31
  - If you think yourself wise in this age
    - Get over it—Get foolish, there is wisdom in that
    - God catches the wise in their craftiness and knows their useless reasoning’s
  - All things belong to you, and you to Christ and Christ to God