

## 1 Corinthians 3:5-17

### Christ is our Firm Foundation – We are God's Temple

*RS – Matthew 7:24-29*

#### 1 Corinthians 3:5-9 – Individual Roles within God's Plan

*\*For we are God's coworkers. You are God's field, God's building.*

**What:** God is the source of spiritual growth and we are His workers/field/building. What this means is that God matters more in our spiritual growth than we do. Meaning, we are to look unto Jesus...not ourselves.

**Why:** Why is God the source of our spiritual growth? Because God is Holy, glorious, magnificent. In God we find all we need. Ephesians 1:3; Hebrews 12:2; John 6:66-68; John 14:6

#### 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 – Christ is the Only Foundation

*"For no one can lay any foundation other than what has been laid down. That foundation is Jesus Christ.*

**What:** When it comes to our faith...there is but one foundation: Jesus.

**Why:** Why does the foundation of our faith matter? Why does it matter who we are becoming? These are two very important questions that every person needs to ask themselves. Matthew 7:24-27

Our lives need a strong rock to be built upon. Why? Because life is hard. The brokenness that comes with a fallen/sinful world is too great of a burden for us to carry. Our faith cannot be built upon our goodness or achievements. What we can create among ourselves is way too fragile to withstand the pressures and hardships of life. Your faith foundation is everything. You and I desperately need the Rock to build our lives upon. Matthew 16:24; John 15:9-11

---

## 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 – God’s Temple

*“Don’t you yourselves know that you are God’s temple and that the Spirit of God lives in you? ”If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him; for God’s temple is holy, and that is what you are.*

### **What**

We belong to God. We are His temple. We do not belong to ourselves. We have surrendered our lives and given it over to God.

We are now His temple.

- Which means that God decides what goes in and out of the temple.
- What the temple is made of.
- How the temple will worship.
- How the temple will operate on a day-to-day basis.

### **Why**

Why are we God’s temple? We have been indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13-14; Philippians 1:13; John 4:23-24

For the history of man, worship happened at the tabernacle or the temple. And the worship was conducted by the priests and high priest. The individual people were just spectators when it came to worship. This is no longer the case. Believers are the primary source of worship...not the priests or high priest.

No one can worship God on your behalf. Because of the gospel...you are now the worshipper. All the worship that happened at the temple...now happens in you. Ephesians 2:10

Follow Jesus. Read the Bible. Pray. Go to church. Share the gospel. Love God. Love others. Put God first in your life.

---