



## **MESSAGE/SERIES:**

**“The Prize Winning House of God”**

**DATE: August 18, 2019**

## **SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK:**

(These verses will help you understand themes within as you read our core text as scripture proves scripture)

**1 Corinthians 3:10-23, Isaiah 28:16, 1 Peter 2:2, Ephesians 2:19-22, 1 Peter 4:10, Galatians 1:6-7, 2 Corinthians 5:10, 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, Romans 14:10, Job 5:13, Psalms 94:11, 1 Corinthians 4:5, 2 Corinthians 7:1**

## **OPENING SCRIPTURE:**

### **[1 Corinthians 3:10-23]**

*<sup>10</sup> 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. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— <sup>13</sup> each 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. <sup>14</sup> If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.*

*<sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.*

*<sup>18</sup> Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise. <sup>19</sup> For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," <sup>20</sup> and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." <sup>21</sup> So let no one boast in men.*

For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup> whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, <sup>23</sup> and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's."

*The Holy Bible: English Standard Version* (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016), 1 Co 3:10–23.

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## BACKGROUND & OTHER STUDY HELPS:

(v10) "**Foundation**". *"The importance which Paul attached to the foundation was figured by the care employed in laying the foundation of the great Ephesian temple. "To avoid the danger of earthquakes, its foundations were built at vast cost on artificial foundations of skin and charcoal laid over the marsh"*

Marvin Richardson Vincent, *Word Studies in the New Testament*, vol. 3 (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1887), 202.

(v10) "**Master Builder**"- he is the one who supervises and directs the building project

- *Know in church terminology as the pastor being the **Under-Shepherd***
- *Also applies to the Apostical office Paul held as foundational for the early church and throughout church History*

(v12-15) "**Fire**"- God's judgement is often depicted as fire

- *In an eschotological sense (end time judgment- Mark 9:49, Daniel 7:10)*
  - *In a purification process (1 Peter 4:12, Jeremiah 6:29)*
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## OUTLINE:

### I. The FOUNDATION (v10-11)/Wrong Foundation= Destruction

- A. Paul makes clear **the foundation** (1 Corinthians 2:2-5)
  1. *The message of "Jesus Christ and Him Crucified"*
- B. (v10) **The Apostilic Charge** to all believers and especially the leaders of the church in how they Continue to build

1. *The Charge "I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it."*
- C. **(v10) The Church Fathers laid the foundation of Christ** that the church may remain strong (1 Corinthians 3:10, Ephesians 2:20)
  1. *Christ the Redeemer of the elect saints (1 Peter 1:18-19, Acts 4:12, Revelations 13:8)*
  2. *Christ the possessor of the Church as we are called His bride (2 Corinthians 11:2-3)*
  3. *Christ as the head of the Church (Ephesians 4:15, 5:23)*
- D. (v10-11) The foundation **should be built upon**
  1. *The building represents the local church & the universal church of all saints*
  2. **We belong to one another** and as we disciple we are building up the church on Christ (**Ephesians 2:19-22**)
    - a) *Planting & Watering (1 Corinthians 3:6-8)*

## II. The MATERIALS (v12-17) /Quality Matters in the Kingdom

- A. Combustible materials (Things that will burn up when God judges their worth)
  - B. Non-Combustible Materials
    1. *Things that align with God's will*
    2. *Things that were done through the power of the Holy Spirit*
    3. *Things that were done in accordance with His revealed will (The Bible)*
      - a) Jesus would never require or ask something that is against His word
      - b) Or against His character
  - C. **(v13) The Day** will disclose the nature of the work done
    1. *The day is the day of the Lord when all work will be judged (by Fire)*
      - a) God in His holiness already knows why we did what we did
      - b) God's judgement on that day will be final/definitive
    2. *That day all will know why we did what we did as it will be made manifest to all at the judgement*
  - D. (v17) Any one who **destroys** God's temple (present active verb)
    1. *Anyone who does damage to Christ's Church/His bride*
    2. *Anyone who seeks to thwart the will and Spirit of God for the Church*
    3. *Anyone who seeks to damage the body*
  - E. (v17) "God will **destroy** Him" (future active verb)
    1. *Anticipated judgement on the day of the Lord*
    2. *A present judgement in process (fatherly care of His body)*
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“Fire purifies the better material more brightly, but consumes the base”- Dr. Lightfoot

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### III. The PLAN (v18-23)/ Always follow the Blue Print

- A. (v18) Be cautioned against **Self Deception**
  - 1. *The Church is to only be guided by the Spirit and His Word (the revealed will of God)*
- B. (v18-19) **Reject the worldly wisdom** that seeks to thwart the Church
  - 1. ***Illustrates a breaking away from the standards and criteria of the world***
    - a) Become a fool for Jesus as we are promised to be ridiculed for a Biblical stance
    - b) Not allow the philosophers of the day to have an impact on the commission of the church
    - c) Not allowing Psychology to be our method of discipleship
      - (1) Not allowing a mix of psychology and biblical message to exist but rather a pure theology and application of truth
- C. (v21) **Glory not** in leaders or church itself (**Galatians 6:14**)
  - 1. *(Glorifying God) This is our sole purpose in this world and through all eternity*
- D. (v21-22) “For all things are yours” We **belong to Him and to one another**
  - 1. *They didn’t need to reject certain leaders*
  - 2. *They didn’t need to elevate other leaders*
  - 3. *They needed to see the body as one unit and be thankful for every part*

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“God’s presence constitutes the temple status of His people”- A. Thiselton

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