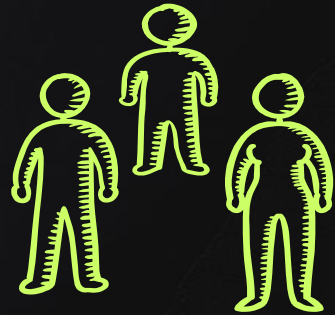


# A United Church for the World

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1 Corinthians 3:3-17





The way one sees the church  
influences how one behaves and  
participates within it.

# Ancient Corinth



# 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

“What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God’s fellow workers.”

# 1 Corinthians 3:9, 16

“You are God’s field, God’s building.”

“Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?”



The church is not ours; it's God's.

# “You are God’s Field”





The church is organic and  
mysterious.



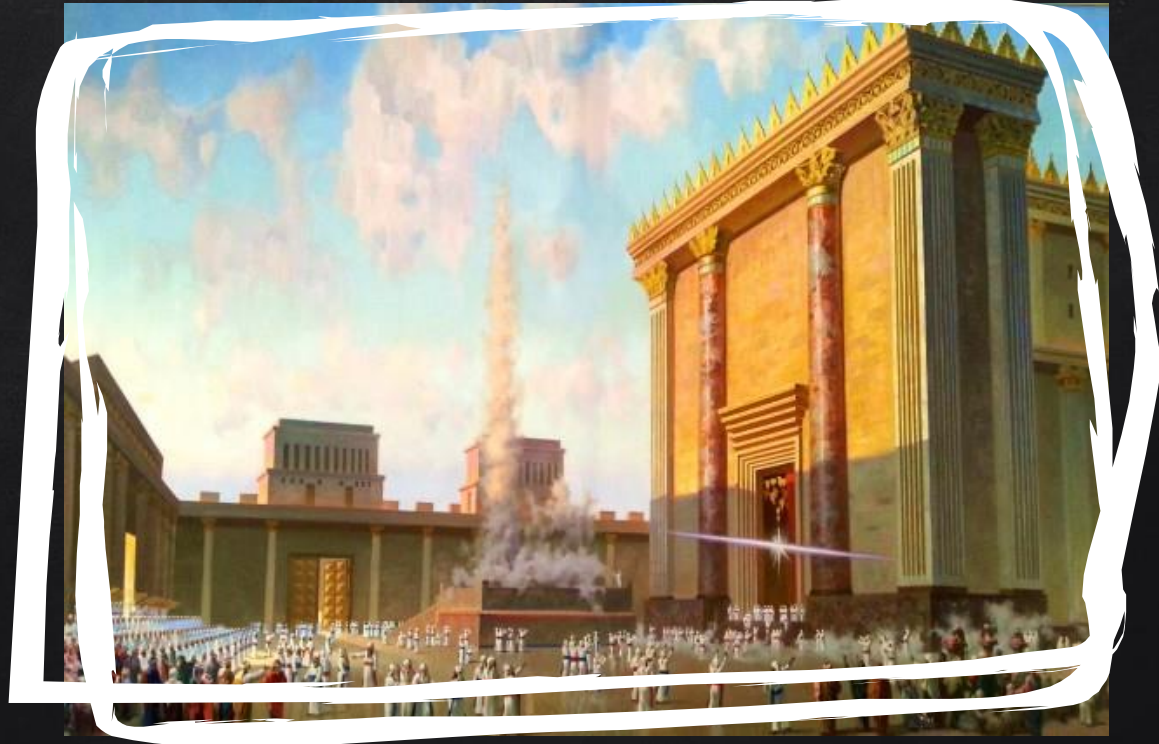
# “God’s Building”





The church is an ever-expanding  
building.

**“Do you not know that you are GOD’S TEMPLE and that  
God’s Spirit dwells in you?”**





God has chosen to be present in the  
world in and through a specific  
community of human beings.

# 1 Corinthians 3:17

“If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.”

1 Corinthians 3:10

“Let each one  take care how he builds...”

# 1 Corinthians 3:12-13

“Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—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.”

# 1 Corinthians 3:14-15

“If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If anyone’s work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.”