



1 CORINTHIANS

SEEING EVERY PART OF LIFE THROUGH THE GOSPEL

THE GOSPEL

RESURRECTION IS INDISPENSABLE

The CHURCH is...

- A. The physical space where the people of God gather for worship
- B. An institution, which humans build, to bring God glory in the world
- C. Any individual across the globe who has placed their trust in Jesus & affirms particular beliefs about Him
- D. A community of believers, centered around Jesus, living together under His leadership



The way one **SEES** the church
influences how one **BEHAVES** and
PARTICIPATES within it.



1 Corinthians 3:1-3 (ESV)

1 But I, brothers and sisters, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, 3 for you are still of the flesh.



1 Corinthians 3:3-4 (ESV)

3 ...For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? 4 For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?





1 Corinthians 3:5-7 (ESV)

5 What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. 6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. 7 So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.



1 Corinthians 3:8-9 (ESV)

8 He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. 9 For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.



The church is God's **FIELD**,
God's **BUILDING**,
God's **TEMPLE**.



1 Corinthians 3:16 (ESV)

16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?



The church is not **OURS**;
it is **GOD'S**.



1 Corinthians 3:10-11 (ESV)

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. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. 11 For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.





You are God's **FIELD**.



The church is **ORGANIC** and
MYSTERIOUS.



“I planted, Apollos watered, but
God gave the growth.” (v. 6)





You are God's **BUILDING**.



“According to the grace 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.” (v. 10)



The church is an **EVER-
EXPANDING** building.





You are God's **TEMPLE**.



“Do you not know that you are
God’s temple and that God’s Spirit
dwells in you?” (v. 16)



God has chosen to be present in
the world in and through a
**SPECIFIC COMMUNITY OF
HUMAN BEINGS.**



“For where two or three are gathered
in my name, *there am I* among them.”
(**Matthew 18:20**)



1 Corinthians 3:17 (ESV)

17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.



OUR CHARGE:

“Let each one take care *how* he builds...” (v. 10)



1 Corinthians 3:12-13 (ESV)

12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw — 13 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 (ESV)

14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. 15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.



“You *are* that temple.” (v. 17)



- Are we building this community in such a way that enables people outside these walls to encounter the living God?
- When the Building Inspector comes, when the Owner of the Field comes, will He find a united church for the world?

