

The Wise Master Builder
1 Corinthians 3:10-17

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I. What is your faith built upon? 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

The Gospel of Jesus Christ has to be the _____ a church is built upon if it will ever have any eternal value. **1 Corinthians 2:2**

- Jesus spoke these words as He was finishing the **Sermon on the Mount**; He is clearly saying, "Those who hear these truths and _____ them out are true Kingdom Citizens". **Matthew 7:21-27**

No one is immune to trials and storms, they do happen; however, no storm of life or circumstance will be able to _____ the life that is truly built upon Jesus Christ.

- **1 Corinthians 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was _____.** NKJV

II. The foundation materials. 1 Corinthians 3:12-15

Our rewards are based upon the service we did "**heartily**" for the Lord; but our _____ to serve should not be just to get rewards, but to know the Lord better and please Him.

- For the child of God, the _____ Seat Judgment is where the works we did in the flesh are burned up and the works we did empowered by the Holy Spirit will be tested with fire.

The Great White Throne Judgment is for anyone who _____ Jesus' free gift of salvation and chooses to stand before God in their own righteousness, without the forgiveness of sin.

III. The motivation for good works. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

"...so all Christians are separated from _____ uses, and set apart for God and His service." (Matthew Henry)

- "I think Paul is saying that each of us builds into the church what we build into our _____." (Wiersbe)

IV. Practical Application.

The main reason Christians are on shaky ground is because they do not rely on Jesus Christ as their _____.

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1. Read **1 Corinthians 3:10-11**. What is so important about having a firm foundation within a normal building? What is so important about having Jesus as our firm foundation?
1 Corinthians 2:2, Matthew 7:21-27, Isaiah 28:16, 1 Corinthians 10:1-4
2. *If the church were like your natural family, what would be some of its characteristics? How is the church like a family? A field? A temple?* (Wiersbe)
3. Read **1 Corinthians 3:12-15** and **1 Corinthians 5:9-10**. Discuss the differences between the Bema seat judgment and the Great White Throne judgment.
Revelation 4:9-11, Ephesians 2:8-10, 1 Corinthians 4:2, 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, Philippians 2:13, Hebrews 8:12, Revelation 20:11-15
4. Read (again) **Ephesians 2:8-10** and **1 Corinthians 3:16-17**. What is the motivation for the Christ follower to do good works?
1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Acts 1:4-8, 2 Corinthians 5:14
5. Discuss the practical application of the sermon.