

A Church in Progress

Series: One Body- God's Plan for the Church

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Scripture

1 Corinthians 3:1-23

Introduction

Jesus _____ the church.

The church _____ to Jesus.

Jesus will _____ His church.

The church is a _____ in progress.

Let's _____ in the right direction!

Concerning the Church at Corinth . . .

1. Their _____

a. They were failing to _____ in their faith.

But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:1

b. They were filled with the _____.

. . . for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? 1 Corinthians 3:3

c. They were focused on _____.

For when one says, 'I follow Paul,' and another, 'I follow Apollos,' are you not being merely human? 1 Corinthians 3:4

2. Their _____

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, 'I follow Paul,' or 'I follow Apollos,' or 'I follow Cephas,' or 'I follow Christ.' 1 Corinthians 1:11-12

a. They were following _____ in an unhealthy way.

b. They were making it all about them when it's all about _____.

God's Plan for the Church . . .

1. He is building His church on the right _____.

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. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 3:10-11

2. It is to be built with the right _____.

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 3:12-13

3. Each believer is a _____ of the Lord.

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? 1 Corinthians 3:16

A Word of Warning . . .

Let no one deceive himself. 1 Corinthians 3:18a

1. We deceive ourselves when we look to the wisdom of the _____.
2. We deceive ourselves when we boast in _____.
3. We deceive ourselves when we forget all we have in _____.

Summary

The walk of a believer is to follow _____.

The work of the Holy Spirit is to _____ believers more like Jesus.

To make progress requires being _____.

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God has given the local church, with many parts, to fulfill His calling together as one, _____ in sanctification not division and immaturity.