

Jesus Christ Is The Foundation

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1Corinthians 3:1-11

“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.”

(1Corinthians 3:10-11, ESV)

Introduction

Have you ever heard of Jesus Christ being called “cornerstone”? If you were to do a word search in your Bible for the word “cornerstone” you would probably find it used ten times in connection with Christ, with three of those times being Jesus referring to Himself as that “cornerstone.” If we keep in mind the fact that we are God’s temple, and consider the careful detail with which God instructed King Solomon to build the original temple, we can understand the care God would have us use in building our lives on His foundation: Christ.

1. We are all called to become “people of the Spirit.” (1Corinthians 3:1-4)

a) We all begin as “infants in Christ” and are called to become “people of the Spirit.”

b) We are called to be followers of Christ, not followers of men.

2. God is the One who gives blessing and growth. (1Corinthians 3:5-9)

a) Just as Paul and Apollos were only servants of God, so are your leaders in Christ.

b) “...we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building” (v.9)

3. Build your life upon God’s grace and call. (1Corinthians 3:10-11)

a) God’s grace towards Paul—not his ability or effort—enabled him to be an apostle.

b) Christ is the only foundation for human life, and so we must be careful how we live.

For our prayerful study, discussion and application:

1) Read verses 1-4 above. What does Paul mean by “milk” and “solid food”?

2) What does it mean to be called to become “people of the Spirit”?

3) Read verses 10-11. Why did Paul mean by saying that Christ was the only foundation?

Conclusion

The most important part of our lives and the homes we live in is the foundation!

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