

# **The Temple Of The Holy Spirit**

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1Corinthians 3:12-23

“Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.” (1 Corinthians 3:16-17, ESV)

## **Introduction**

One of the key truths of the Gospel is through the redemption and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God prepared the way for you and I who believe to become the temple of the Holy Spirit both as individuals and as the Church. What makes someone to be a temple of the Holy Spirit? Simply that just as God was pleased to fully dwell in Christ (Col 1:19), so He is pleased to fully dwell in you and I through the Holy Spirit.

### **1. God will judge us according to how we live our lives. (1Corinthians 3:12-15)**

- a) The foundation that each believer begins with is the same, but our work is different.
- b) On the day of judgment God won't judge our foundation but will judge our work.

### **2. What does it mean to be the temple of the Holy Spirit? (1Corinthians 3:16-17)**

- a) You and I are God' temple both as individuals and as a translocal/transepochal body.
- b) “...God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.”

### **3. We are God's temple and He expects us to live wisely. (1Corinthians 3:18-23)**

- a) Someone can be wise in the eyes of people but a fool in the eyes of God.
- b) We need to be careful to see ourselves, relationships and existence as God does.

### **For our prayerful study, discussion and application:**

- 1) Read verses 12-15. What might works of gold, silver or precious stones be?
- 2) Read verses 12-15 again. What might works of wood, stubble and hay be?
- 3) Read verses 16-17. How should and how does being the temple of the Spirit affect you?

## **Conclusion**

God has made you and I are the temple of the Holy Spirit both individually and collectively so that we can be effective ambassadors for Christ.

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