

# Build the Building (1 Corinthians 3:9-17)

*Bondservant – Part 5*

Life Church St. Louis – March 8, 2015

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*Ephesians 2:21-22 (NIV) In him [Jesus Christ] the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.*

## 1. You are \_\_\_\_\_ building

*1 Corinthians 3:9 (NIV) For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.*

### 1A. We build upon a \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Corinthians 3:10 (NIV) By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds.*

### 1B. The foundation of the church is \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Corinthians 3:11 (NIV) For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.*

## 2. Be careful how you \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Corinthians 3:12 (NIV) If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw,*

## 2A. Your work will be \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Corinthians 3:13 (NIV) his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.*

## 2B. Good work will be \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Corinthians 3:14 (NIV) If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.*

## 2C. Poor work will suffer \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Corinthians 3:15 (NIV) If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames.*

## 3. The church is God's \_\_\_\_\_

*1 Corinthians 3:16a (NIV) Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple ...*

### 3A. God's \_\_\_\_\_ dwells in His church

*1 Corinthians 3:16b (NIV) ... and that God's Spirit lives in you?*

### 3B. God will \_\_\_\_\_ those who destroy His church

*1 Corinthians 3:17 (NIV) If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.*

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Intro. Why do you think that people like to build things?

What are the characteristics of the church (Ephesians 2:21-22)?

Why do you think that many today see the church as having little importance?

How important is the church to God's plan for the world (Ephesians 1:22-23, 5:25)?

How is each believer like a puzzle piece that fits together into the whole picture of the church?

1A. Why is it important to understand that the church is God's church (1 Corinthians 3:9)?

1B. In what ways can the church be built upon its foundation (1 Corinthians 3:10)?

1C. What does it mean that the foundation of a true church is Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 3:11)?

1D. How should a strong church be built?

2A. Why must we be careful how we build the church (1 Corinthians 3:10b, 12)?

2B. Why will every believer be held responsible for how they built the church (1 Corinthians 3:13)?

2C. What would it mean to build the church with gold, silver and costly stones (1 Corinthians 3:14)? Why would these building materials survive the fire of judgment?

2D. What is God's warning for those who do not properly build His church (1 Corinthians 3:15)?

2E. What can you do to build the church with precious materials?

3A. What is the significance of the fact that the church is God's temple in which His Spirit lives (1 Corinthians 3:16)?

3B. What does 1 Corinthians 3:17 tell you about how much God values the church?

3C. What can you do to help introduce others to Life Church?