

Becoming More Than Human

1 Corinthians 3

1. 1 Corinthians 3:5-9a – The church is God’s F_____. Why does a person plant a field?
 - a. Other passages that use this metaphor:
 - i. Isaiah 5 – Why was the harvest so poor?
 - ii. Mark 4:26-29 – How does the seed grow?
 - iii. John 15:1-8 – How does the gardener tend his crop?
 - b. What lesson does Jesus teach regarding the seed in John 12:24-26?
2. 1 Corinthians 3:9b-15 – The Church is God’s B_____. Why do people build buildings?
 - a. Other passages that use this metaphor:
 - i. Psalm 118:22 – How important is the foundation?
 - ii. Acts 4:11 - Who is this cornerstone?
 - iii. Matthew 7:24-27 – What makes the building stable and secure?
 - iv. Amos 9:11 – Who can rebuild a building that is in disrepair? What does this mean for us in our lives?
 - v. Ephesians 2:10, 20-22, Colossians 2:7 – Can a person truly be pleasing to Jesus if he or she tries to live apart from the Church?
 - vi. 1 Timothy 3:15 – What is one purpose of the Church as God’s building?
 - vii. Hebrews 3:3-6 – Who is God’s house and under what condition (verse 6)? Are we each individual houses or are we collectively God’s house (singular)?
 - viii. 1 Peter 2:5 – If we are collectively God’s building, what are we as individuals compared to?
3. 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 – The Church is God’s T_____.
 - a. Verse 16 - Why are we God’s Temple?
 - b. What responsibility comes with this?
 - c. In this passage, are we God’s Temple as individuals or as a church (not just a congregation but as part of the Holy Christian Church)?
 - d. In 6:19, are we God’s Temple individually or as a church?
 - e. How can both be true?
 - f. What does it mean that we are ‘sacred’ (17)?
 - g. Verses 18-23 - What can help us live as God’s holy (sacred) people?
4. Back to the beginning – verses 1-4 – What is Paul talking about when he speaks of ‘milk’ and solid food?
 - a. 1 Peter 2:2 – Do we ever outgrow our need for ‘milk’? How does it nourish us?
 - b. Hebrews 5:12-14 – Are we supposed to stay immature?
 - c. Verse 3 – How are we to be more than “merely human”? (see John 1:13, 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:17; 2 Peter 1:3-4)