

Are You Living In Preparation For The JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST?

1 Corinthians 3:

10-15-The Builders or Pastor Teachers throughout CHURCH AGE

16-17-The Temple – believers throughout CHURCH AGE

10	<p>According to the grace of God which was given to me, (Paul as an Apostle) like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another every Pastor Teacher throughout CHURCH AGE is building on it. But each man (each Pastor Teacher) <u>must be careful</u> how he builds on it. (what he teaches).</p>
11	<p>For no man (Pastor Teacher) can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is <u>Jesus Christ.</u> Not the church and not mankind but JESUS CHRIST is above all things.</p>
12	<p>Now if any man (Pastor Teacher) builds on the foundation with gold, silver, (solid building metals) precious stones, (suitable for building or ornamentation) wood, hay, straw, (six categories of Biblical truth.)</p>

Not referring to the fruits of sound teaching but the sound teaching itself.

Not referring to the effects of sound teaching but the sound teaching itself.

Gold, Silver and Precious Stones are solid building material while **Wood, Hay and Straw** are weak materials that cannot withstand the storms of life.

Here is the grace of God and grace of JESUS CHRIST:
Sins are not mentioned at JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST but note here that all the false doctrine, the doctrines that appeal to the flesh are not mentioned.

Some pastors do a little study and teach—build with **Wood, Hay and straw**, but many build with material that is not even founded in the Word of God: *“philosophy, and empty deception, traditions of man, elementary principles of the world... other than according to Christ”* Colossians 2:8.

Things like the Social gospel...

God wants you to be the Rich Gospel...

Salvation and Life by Works..., etc.

These are not even the **Wood, Hay and straw**, but, of course, all this will be burned!

13

each man's (Pastor Teacher) **work** building--teaches **will become evident; for the day** JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST as from 1 Corinthians 4:5; Philippians 1:6 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16-5:2
will show it because it (the building material)
is *to be* revealed with fire, (become visible)

	and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's (each Pastor Teacher) work.
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What he built with—his teaching in the local church.

Many pastors will hide behind **Wood, Hay and straw** throughout their lives—behind flesh motivation instead of Spirit led—but at the **JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST** it will be made visible.

What is interesting here is the expression: **will become evident.**

The implication is that it may not be evident—now “To the World” ■ the world judges by what it sees and feels—

—but God goes much deeper

—one man’s work *may* look great to world, noble, moral to the World...

but to God...
He Sees Inside The Real Material.

14	If any man's (Pastor Teacher) work which he has built on it the foundation of JESUS CHRIST remains, he will receive a reward. At the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.
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Obviously, the **Wood, Hay and straw** will be consumed quickly, while the **Gold, Silver and Precious Stones** will endure... just as they will cause you, the believer, to endure tribulations in life.

What needs to be understood in this verse is the use of the word **work**. This is an essential word to understand in the Gospel and in the Christian life.

- 1 The word is used in three primary ways:
and it is so important to know the distinction of these words.

Work of God; Work of the Law; Dead Works

- 2 No one is saved by the Works of the Law
—by obeying the Law.

Romans 3:20 and Romans 27-28; Romans 4:2.

- 3 But for those who will see,

Faith Alone

is the only work acceptable to God.

Gospel of John 6:27-29

Note:

This is the work of God the only work acceptable to God.

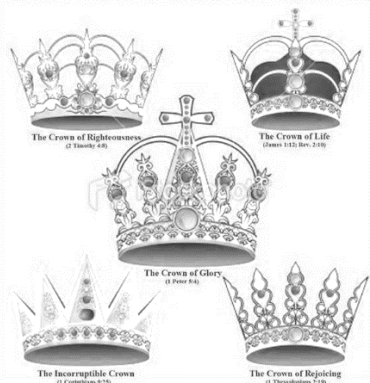
- 4 **work of Christ** Philippians 2:30

- 5 **work produced by faith** 1 Thessalonians 1:3

3:14 **...he will receive a reward** not described here.

But we know of some of these **rewards**:

The Five Christian Crowns



Crown of +R (Perfect Righteousness);

Crown of Life;

Crown of Exultation; and

In 1 Peter 5 it seems as though the Crown of glory is reserved for the Pastor Teacher who builds with **Gold-Silver-Precious Stones**.

Now for the Pastor Teacher who has labored all his life but building with the **Wood-Hay-Straw**.

15

If any man's (Pastor Teacher) work is burned up, he will suffer loss; of rewards but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

The Pastor Teacher who spend Sunday after Sunday, year in and year out will not lose salvation but they will stand there and watch their whole life go up in flames. Some pastors are looking forward to this day, some fear this day, most know nothing about it, so for them during their life:

ignorance is bliss!

**We learn one thing of importance in reference to eternity—
NO EQUALITY**

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| 1. | No one loses their Salvation because of a sinful life; JESUS CHRIST bore all our sins on the cross. |
| 2. | No one loses their Salvation because works of the flesh, many will spend their entire lives working in the flesh, but all that will burn up but they themselves will be saved forever thanks to JESUS CHRIST. |
| 3. | Once you believe in JESUS CHRIST you simply cannot lose your Salvation. |
| 4. | Yet Serving the Lord, for the Pastor Teacher is vital to glorifying JESUS CHRIST in time and in eternity. |

Verses 16-17—**The Temple** – believers throughout CHURCH AGE.

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| 16 | Do you not know that you are a temple of God and <i>that</i> the Spirit of God dwells in you? |
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This is one of the most important verses in the New Testament about the believer. This is something you should remind yourself of these two things throughout every week of your life. Especially, when you are really busy, or under heavy temptation not to come to study Bible or neglect who you are in Christ.

Two things as to who you are:

You are a Temple of God and the Holy Spirit Indwells you.

But the key in this verse is the verb: **to know.**

Do you not know?

Not to know these things results in your life being a failure as far as eternity is concerned.

- > Do you know that you are a Temple of God?
- > Do you know what it means to be a Temple of God?
- > Do you know how you became a Temple of God?
- > Do you know that you cannot stop being a Temple of God?
- > Do you know that you are Indwelt by God the Holy Spirit?
- > Do you know why you are Indwelt by the Holy Spirit?
- > Do you know what it means to be Indwelt by God the Holy Spirit?
- > Do you know that you cannot lose the Indwelling of God the Holy Spirit?
- > **Do I know these things?**
If I don't...
...then I better start listening to someone
 who will teach me

and if I do...
...it should start influencing my Life.

How do we *KNOW* things of the bible?

By being taught from those who study and teach the Word of God.

These are the **Gold-Silver-Precious Stones.**

It does not come to us naturally...it is supernatural!

God the Holy Spirit must cause me to listen
and
learn from those who are sent of God to teach.

Do you not know that you are a temple of God?

Let us note how believers are referred to in this one chapter

Spiritual verse 1

Flesh verse 1

Infants of Christ verse 1

Fleshly verse 3

Like Mere Men

God's Field-Cultivated Land verse 9

God's Building verse 9

A Temple of God verse 16

Holy verse 17

Each one of these is important to you as to how you should think of yourself and take care of yourself accordingly.

Do you not know that you are a temple of God?

Paul has shifted from the builder to the ones who are being built.

Note the progress:

1st with the ones who plant, the ones who water-teach the word and the believer grows spiritually but IT IS GOD WHO CAUSES THE GROWTH.

Then in verse 9 he uses several metaphors:

Pastors are God's fellow workers,

Believers are **cultivated land and building**

—two different metaphors you are to think of yourselves:

cultivated land—from which the **fruit grows**; and
buildings.

Then in verses 10 and following, Paul develops the Building Metaphor where Paul is the Master Builder of the church —he laid the Foundation

—JESUS CHRIST and all the Pastor Teachers in the CHURCH AGE are to build upon that foundation.

And Paul mentions two categories of building material:

Gold-Silver-Precious Stones and **Wood-Hay-Straw**

...where **Gold-Silver-Precious Stones** refers to Bible Teaching-

Gold would be like doctrines pertaining to JESUS CHRIST:

Hypostatic Union, where in the person of JESUS CHRIST are two natures, inseparably united without mixture or loss of separate identity, the union being personal and eternal, He is the God-man;

Doctrine of Kenosis:

JESUS CHRIST gave up the appearance of Deity but not the Essence of Deity and took upon Himself the likeness of mankind;

A vital part of Kenosis is that of His dependence by Faith on the ministry of the Holy Spirit —and
Cross Work of the Messiah —and
Salvation.

Eternal Security;

Eternal Life;

The doctrine of Impeccability which shows that JESUS CHRIST was faultless in His Incarnation and committed neither sin nor wrong during His life qualifying Him to go to the cross in payment for all the sins of the world.

Virgin Birth;

JESUS CHRIST the Shepherd;

The Lord and Savior and Friend of all believers throughout the CHURCH AGE. —and

A multitude of other teachings from the bible about JESUS CHRIST.

Also, **Gold** teaching all about the Trinity—Essence;

God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.

Silver:

Your life in Christ...

Indwelling of the Holy Spirit;

Growing in the Knowledge of JESUS CHRIST;

Spiritual Love bearing fruit that Glorifies God the Father; etc.

Precious Stones

Spiritual Warfare, knowing and understanding the Old Testament, prophecy, Tribulation, 2nd coming of Christ, Millennium and Eternity Future.

Wood-Hay-Straw

Religious activity, healing, tongues, programs, feel good messages, etc.

Then in verse 16,
Paul moves to the believers throughout
CHURCH AGE.

Pastors must think of themselves as
waterers;
fellow workers of God,
builders and must,
therefore, be very careful of
which materials he uses to build with.

Believers must see themselves as **temples of God**
and because you are a **temple of God...**
God the Holy Spirit Indwells you...

Temple of God means that you are a temple belonging to God.
This is a genitive of possession of God.

1st temple *naos*

remember just who Paul is speaking to in this letter...the
Corinthians –in Corinth.

Corinth at the time of Paul was a big, metropolis area with multitude of Temples...

_ Temple of **Aphodite** –had over 1000 prostitutes at one time;_

_ Temple of **Apollo**;

_ Temple of **Posidon**;

_ Temple of **Asklipios**;

_ Temple of **Venus**;

_ Temple of **Hercules**;

_ Temple of **Hermas**;

and many more...

You just walk down the main street and there would be multitude of Temples and it was the same with nearly every city of the world at the time of Paul.

So, the Corinthians were well familiar with the heathen concept of Temples. However, their idea of a temple was not exactly like that of the Jews with the Temple in Jerusalem.

And this is no difference than our society today, as Paul walked through Corinth and other major cities, he saw any number of temples, and he did not go out and try to destroy them, but by his message he sought to destroy their idolatry.

And so today; we have an unbelievable growth in **idolatrous temples** here in Dallas area and throughout our country:

Muslim mosques;

Mormon temples,

Sikhs temples (India) and

more and more temples, mosques, churches meeting places, etc. are springing up, reminding us that we live in a dark continent once again...

The Temple here in 1 Corinthians 3: **naos** means **to dwell**

–a dwelling and in their thinking

–in their temples would be a statute of the god or goddess and most of the time these were big ‘fraternity or sorority party buildings...and I mean wild parties, all under the supposed worship of that god or goddess.’

Now Paul comes along and turns this all on them.

You are God’s temple wait, a temple is where we go to worship a god or goddess, and now **I AM A TEMPLE?** Yes, and inside of you dwells the True God, God the Holy Spirit.

17

If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.

This verse has a variety of interpretations and once again we come to the 3-fundamental Principles of interpretation.

Context, Context, Context...

We...

1st have to decide who the **any man** is?

2nd what does it mean to **destroy**?

3rd how does **any man—destroy**?

4th what does it mean that **God will destroy him**?

1st Who is the **any man**?

Context:

At 1st reading most people take **any man** as any believer dealing with his own temple.

But let us look at the **Context: What is being discussed?**

What is being discussed is the Pastor Teacher building on the foundation.

10-11-12 Then Paul takes two categories of building material.

Gold-Silver-Precious Stones or **Wood-Hay-Straw**

and you will recall that even **Wood-Hay-Straw** are built on the foundation of JESUS CHRIST, they are not bad, they are not contrary to truth, they just do not hold up under “testings” in Life or at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

But--and here is the frightful part...

**what about the man who builds with no biblical truth,
he is not even using **Wood-Hay-Straw**,
he is using man-centered material;
human wisdom,
promotion of self and
not using the Word of God!**

WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS MAN?

This is what Paul is now dealing with.

Now let us go back to 3:17 and see how this fits together.

If any man destroys the temple of God

One the great hindrances to a believer growing spiritually and fulfilling the very purpose for which you were saved

—the main hindrances starts with the Pastor Teacher,

—teaching lies, false doctrines;

this Pastor Teacher does not even use **Wood-Hay-Straw**.

If

And, yes, Paul uses the 1st class condition of truth, because there will always be Pastors who will destroy the flock of God.

Any man

Who is Paul referring to here?

This pronoun is referring to a specific category or group of people —to all Pastor Teachers. 12, 13, 14, 15, and 17

Paul is referring to the Pastor Teacher

**If any man the temple of God destroys,
will destroy this man God the temple**

to what does this refer?

END OF THE VERSE

what you are – a temple of God Destroys

Present Active Indicative of the verb used twice right here, next to each other.

The King James uses two different words:

man defiles
God destroys

The NIV and the NASV translates them with the same word:

destroys

Phtheiro has a variety of concepts:

to destroy, to ruin, to corrupt, to spoil, to degenerate,
to render **inoperative**.

The word always has a negative result, therefore in definition it always is associated with its result-destroy, corrupt, render inoperative,

Present Durative—what happens over a period of time by continually teaching false doctrine.

Active Voice:

Each Pastor Teacher is responsible for deciding himself what he will use to teach, preach, to lead the assembly God has put under his charge.

If any man (Pastor Teacher) renders inoperative, corrupting the original design or condition, the temple belonging to God.

1. This verse is referring to **Believers — Temples** of God.
2. This verse is speaking of the responsibility of Pastor Teachers.
3. Usually we think of the believers as sheep, but here the assembly is made up a group of **temples** and it is the Pastor

Teacher functions to build on that temple so that it fulfills God's design for that temple to reflect the glory of Christ.

4. The Pastor Teacher may use **Gold-Silver-Precious Stones** or he may use **Wood-Hay-Straw** but many **DO NOT EVEN USE EITHER OF THESE**, they use that material which is **EVIL** before God and not only will not add to the function of the temple but actually destroy its design... its purpose.

5. Now what happens to such a Pastor?
We know those who build with **Gold-Silver-Precious Stones** will receive rewards at the **Judgment Seat of Christ**; we know that those who built with **Wood-Hay-Straw** will have all that burned up; but note what God says about what happens with this Pastor...

Will destroy this man God (God will destroy this man)

The Greek adds force by placing the verbs next to each other;

If any man the temple of God destroys, will destroy this man Render inoperative him, God

He (**the Pastor**) renders the inoperative believer (the temple), so God renders this pastor inoperative.

1.	This is a stern warning to every man with the gift of Pastor Teacher, not to tamper with God's temple. Not to replace Word of God with traditions of man.
2.	This is a warning that every Pastor Teacher must build upon the Foundation of JESUS CHRIST with Biblical truth! Sound doctrine.

Or he will destroy believer... temples of God.

How can this happen?

Silly example:

*You bring a car into the shop and he puts **water** into the gas tank.*

*Some put high octane in tank—**Gold-Silver-Precious Stones**; some put very low-grade **Wood-Hay-Straw**, but this guy puts in **water** having the effect of causing the car—**inoperative**.*

So, God comes in and renders inoperative this mechanic.

3. What this verse **does not teach**.

1.	<p>This does not teach that God-destroys the pastor, so as to take away his salvation. This is why the same word is used by Paul, of the believer and of the Pastor.</p> <p>This verse is not teaching that a believer (the temple of God) is destroyed so as to lose Salvation and neither does this foolish pastor, lose his salvation;</p> <p>Whatever you say of this verb in reference to the believer as the Temple of God, this is same Principle for the Pastor Teacher and visa-versa.</p>
2.	<p>This verse does not teach that the pastor losses the spiritual gift given to him by God, any more than the believer loses being a temple of God. I point these two things out because so many Christians develop sloppy theology about God. A pastor loses his salvation. or God takes away what He has given. Just because a bel. does not grow (regardless of whose fault it is) God does</p>

	not take away that bel. being a Spirit dwelled temple of God.
3.	Note that it is God who will deal with the charlatan preacher; it is God who will render him useless... not you! This is NOT YOUR JOB, God is more than capable, you simply move on to where you can get truth, solid food! Sound building material of GSPs

**How does a pastor render a believer useless, inoperative?
By making the ministry of the Holy Spirit inoperative!**

Your body is a temple because of Indwelling of the Holy Sprit,
 1 Corinthians 3:16 and 6:19

*(never forget when I got my first car—
 my grandfather taught me 3-simple principles:
Gas, Oil and Water—all three = Holy Spirit.)*

And if the Pastor Teacher does not teach Truth concerning the Holy Spirit, like how to be Filled with the Holy Spirit –

it will render the temple inoperative... that is...
 will render the believer inoperative, ineffectual in Spiritual Warfare... in his life.

Principle:

If you do not know how to be Filled with the Holy Spirit,
you will sin, and sin defiles the temple.

**By not teaching truth,
by not teaching the Word of God... sound doctrine.**

**By not teaching the Holy Spirit!
Truth on How to be Filled with the Holy Spirit,
how to tap into His Leading, His Teaching, His Guiding,
His Fruit.**

**If the Holy Spirit, who Indwells you is inoperative,
then you are inoperative.**

Listen:

Most preachers do not even teach or preach on the Holy Spirit,
therefore, they render their assembly, **the Temples** –
inoperative.

On the other hand, many do preach about the Holy Spirit...
only it is not truth, it is lies and half-truths...

Many pastors talk about the Holy Spirit,
talk about the Fruit of the Holy Spirit,
and may even talk about the teaching of the Holy Spirit
but not How to tap into His ministry!

By FAITH and FAITH Alone.

AND OH, THEY MAY USE THE BIBLE, but they distort it, twist it, turn it into saying exactly what it does not say leading to a legalistic life or lawlessness!

Or they may not use the bible at all but go to human wisdom – being politically correct or what is popular – what will draw the crowds, etc.

If any man (Pastor Teacher) **the temple of God** (believers under his authority) **renders inoperative,** (ineffective in the **ANGELIC CONFLICT**), by not teaching truth of the Word of God.
God will render inoperative this man, (This Pastor).

PRINCIPLE:

God considers the responsibility of Pastor Teacher very seriously;
God sent His son to save;
God sent His spirit to take care of every believer; and
God sends the Pastor Teacher to teach the flock the Truth of His Word.

So, you better take very seriously just who you listen to in the teaching of your soul.

Why does God pronounce a Special Divine Discipline on the Pastor Teacher who teaches/preaches false doctrine or no doctrine at all?

17 For the temple of God is holy and that is what you are

For Use of the explanatory particle telling why.

the temple - Every born-again believer is in Christ and God the Holy Spirit is in them making every one of us a temple **belonging to God**

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Do not miss this verb for this is what you are before God.

You may not see yourself as a temple of God,
but let me assure you,
this is the way God sees you
and if that is not enough to get your attention...
you are **Holy**.

Holy Greek word—holy, sacred, set apart;
every one of us is Holy—**why? Why are we holy?**

**Because of the foundation JESUS CHRIST.
JESUS CHRIST is holy
and you are in Christ... you are Holy!**

This has nothing to do with your sins or your life.
This is the grace of God.

For the Temple of God is Holy

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and That is What You Are!

Dogmatic declaration from God.
When God looks at you...
He sees you as a Temple belonging to Him
and He sees you as Holy!

Therefore, it is only reasonable that we would live our lives for Christ, we would present to Him a living holy sacrifice.

That is what you are (or) **that is what you keep on being**

What a tragedy that a holy temple, one in Christ, is useless, inoperative in **ANGELIC CONFLICT**—

and this **because of the failure of the Pastor Teacher.**

Many Christians care so much more about the moral presentation of their pastor (which is very important) than they do about what he teaches—which is even more important.

—a beautiful expensive car—sitting in the drive... why?

*Because you put **sugar** in the gas tank...*

it shuts the car down rendering it inoperative.

And this is what a lot of people are allowing to happen to them. Allowing some pastor to pour **sugar coated lies** into their souls rendering them inoperative in their Spiritual Warfare. You have to see who and what you are in God's eyes. Then pick a Pastor Teacher accordingly ● live your life accordingly

I know Christians who care much more about the education their children are getting than what they are getting spiritually...make sure this school has the best teachers,

**Then on Sundays take those same children they love to
some preacher is gives them sugar coated poison for
their souls instead of sound biblical truth to grow on!**

**We will,
each and every one of us will,
stand before the JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST.**

Are you preparing for that day?