

# 1 Corinthians 3

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## Divisions in the Church

<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

<sup>2</sup> I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

<sup>3</sup> For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

<sup>4</sup> For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

<sup>5</sup> Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

<sup>6</sup> I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

<sup>7</sup> So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

<sup>8</sup> Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

<sup>9</sup> For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.

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## **Christ Our Foundation**

**10** According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

**11** For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**12** Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble;

**13** Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

**14** If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

**15** If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

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## **God's Temple and God's Wisdom**

**16** Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

**17** If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

**18** Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

**19** For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

**20** And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

**21** Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are your's;

**22** Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are your's;

<sup>23</sup> And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### **Believe** — πιστεύω (Pisteuo)

To believe, trust, have faith

The Greek **pisteuo** (πιστεύω) means to believe or trust—active reliance upon Christ. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish' (John 3:16).

### **God** — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

### **Grace** — χάρις (Charis)

Grace, favor

The Greek **charis** (χάρις) denotes unmerited divine favor—God's kindness toward the undeserving. Salvation is 'by grace through faith' (Ephesians 2:8), not human merit.

### **Holy** — ἅγιος (Hagios)

Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἅγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

### **Lord** — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

### **Messiah** — Χριστός (Christos)

Christ, Anointed One

The Greek **Christos** (Χριστός) translates 'Messiah'—the Anointed One. Peter confessed 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God' (Matthew 16:16), recognizing Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.

### **Save** — σώζω (Sozo)

To save, deliver, heal

The Greek **sozo** (σώζω) means to save—deliverance from sin, death, and judgment. 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved' (Acts 16:31). The word also encompasses physical healing and spiritual wholeness.

### **Spirit** — πνεῦμα (Pneuma)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Greek **pneuma** (πνεῦμα) means spirit, wind, or breath—the immaterial aspect of persons. The Holy Spirit (Pneuma Hagion) is the third person of the Trinity, dwelling in believers.

## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Parallel theme:** 1 Corinthians 2:6; 14:20; Matthew 16:23; Hebrews 5:13; 1 John 2:12. **Spirit:** Romans 7:14; Galatians 6:1

**1 Corinthians 3:2** **Parallel theme:** John 16:12; 1 Peter 2:2

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**1 Corinthians 3:15** **Parallel theme:** 2 John 1:8; Revelation 3:18. **Salvation:** 1 Peter 4:18; Jude 1:23

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