



CHURCH MATTERS

A Series on 1 Corinthians

Problems that can destroy a building...

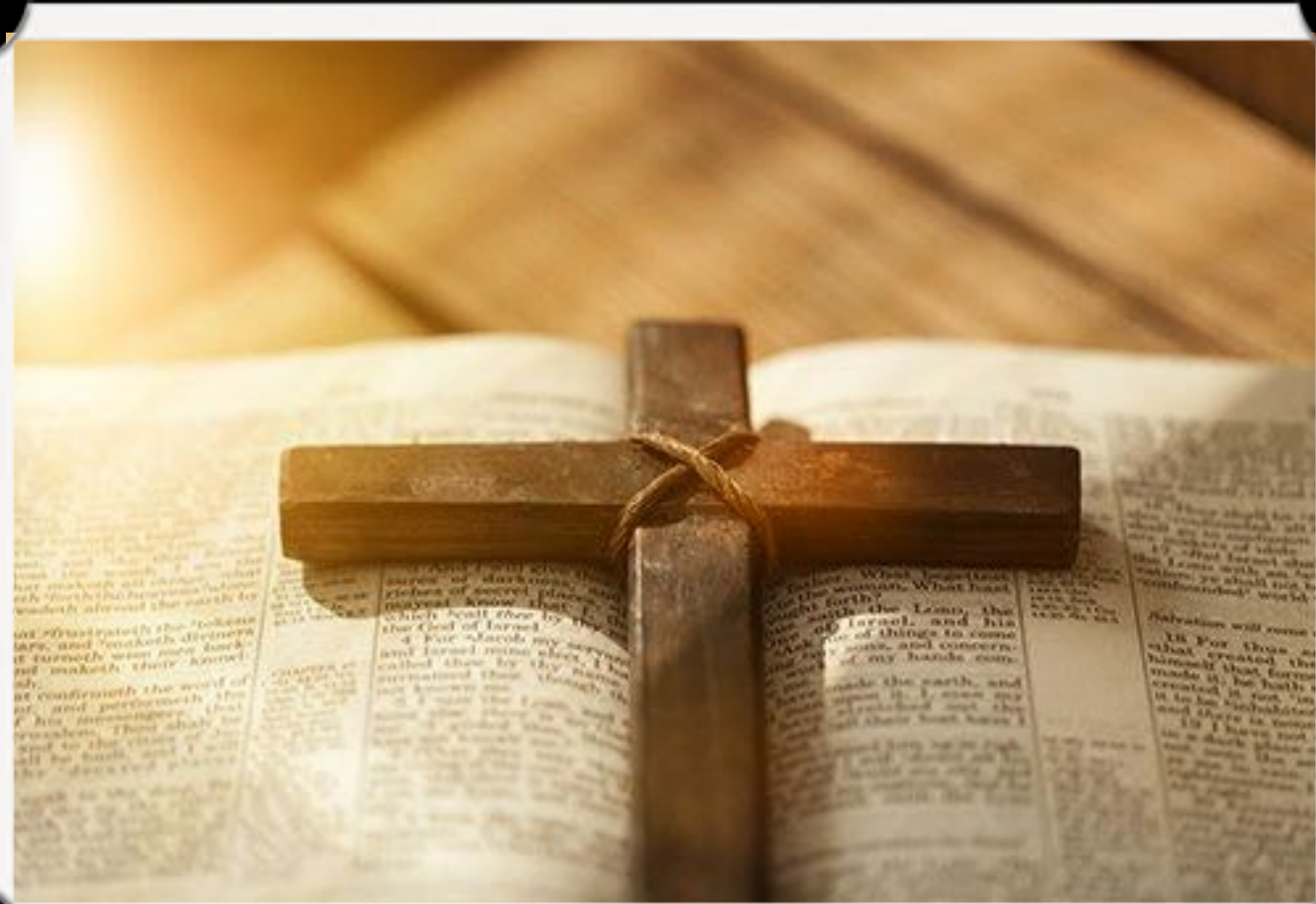


✱ A poor foundation



✱ Using building materials that won't last

**The same is true for a church.
A church must be built on a solid,
unchanging foundation
& must be built up with materials
that will withstand the test.**



✳ **The right foundation**



✳ **“Building materials” that
will withstand the test**

1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-23 ESV

10 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it.

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

12 Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw—



1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-23 ESV

13 each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.

14 If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward.

15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.



1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-23 ESV

16 Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you thinks that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise



1 CORINTHIANS 3:10–23 ESV

19 For the wisdom of this world is folly with God. For it is written, “He catches the wise in their craftiness,”

20 and again, “The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.”

21 So let no one boast in men. For all things are yours,

22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours,

23 and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.



A person is sitting on a stone wall, wearing a grey t-shirt and blue jeans. They are holding a black Bible with "HOLY BIBLE" written on the cover. They also have a white wristband that says "PRIVATE ADVENTURE | YOUNG" and a black wristband that says "THE ULTIMATE".

1. BUILD ON THE RIGHT FOUNDATION

- ✧ **The foundation is Jesus Christ. . . .His person, his life, his doctrines, his teachings, his resurrection, his ascension, his return by means of the Holy Spirit to make himself universally available among us, his coming return in person from heaven -- all that is included as part of the foundation.**

MATTHEW 7:24-27 ESV

24 "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."





2. BUILD WITH THE RIGHT MATERIALS

- * Build up the church with materials that will last, that will stand the test of judgement, and receive a reward.
- * Poor building materials: Building using the wisdom of the world
Quality materials: Building with God's wisdom in mind

PSALM 90:17 ESV

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!



PSALMS



3. REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE AS YOU BUILD UP THE CHURCH

- * We (plural) are God's temple. As such, His presence dwells among us.
- * The local church is the corporate place of God's dwelling, who, when gathered in Jesus' name, experience the presence and power of the Lord Jesus in their midst.



4. BUILD WITH THE RIGHT FOCUS

- ✧ **Let no one boast in men and worldly wisdom.**
- ✧ **The world depends on promotion, prestige, and the influence of money and important people. The church depends on prayer, the power of the Spirit, humility, sacrifice, and service.**



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