

# Building

Christ is building and so are we



# Christ will build His church

*And I tell you, you are Peter,  
and on this rock I will build my  
church, and the gates of hell  
shall not prevail against it.*

Matthew 16:18 (ESV)



The church (body) builds itself up

*from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.*

Ephesians 4:16 (ESV)



# The grand view of building

*<sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.*

1 Corinthians 3:10–15 (ESV)



# The choice





# Paul was a skilled master builder

*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.*

1 Corinthians 3:10 (ESV)



We should take care how we build

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# Realize the foundation is Jesus

*For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.* 1 Corinthians 3:10–15 (ESV)



Aim to build with gold, silver, precious  
stones

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

—1 Corinthians 3:12 (ESV)



# Everything you build will be tested, just like Jesus was tested

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1 Corinthians 3:12 (ESV)

Gold—The divine  
nature

Silver—the  
redemption of Christ  
Precious stones—the  
work of the Spirit

Wood—Natural life

Hay—Fleshly efforts

Straw—Earthly efforts



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*Gold—The divine nature*

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1 Corinthians 3:12 (ESV)

*by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.*

2 Peter 1:4 (ESV)



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1 Corinthians 3:12 (ESV)

Silver—the redemption of Christ  
*In him we have redemption  
through his blood, the  
forgiveness of our  
trespasses, according to the  
riches of his grace*

Ephesians 1:7 (ESV)



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1 Corinthians 3:12 (ESV)

Precious stones—the work of the Spirit

*And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

2 Corinthians 3:18 (ESV)



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Wood—Natural life

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

1 Corinthians 3:12 (ESV)

*The natural person does not  
accept the things of the Spirit  
of God, for they are folly to  
him, and he is not able to  
understand them because they  
are spiritually discerned.*

1 Corinthians 2:14 (ESV)



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1 Corinthians 3:12 (ESV)

Wood—Natural life

charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine,<sup>4</sup> nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith.

1 Timothy 1:3–4 (ESV)



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stones

Hay—fleshly efforts

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

1 Corinthians 3:12 (ESV)

*Are you so foolish? Having  
begun by the Spirit, are you  
now being perfected by the  
flesh?*

Galatians 3:3 (ESV)



# Aim to build with gold, silver, precious stones

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

1 Corinthians 3:12 (ESV)

Straw—earthly efforts

*Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.*

Philippians 3:19 (ESV)



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# Aim for the reward

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

1 Corinthians 3:14 (ESV)



Aim for the built-up church,  
a dwelling for God in spirit

*<sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the  
apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus  
himself being the cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in  
whom the whole structure, being joined  
together, grows into a holy temple in  
the Lord. <sup>22</sup> In him you also are being  
built together into a dwelling place for  
God by the Spirit.* Ephesians 2:20–22 (ESV)