

# MORE THAN A BUILDING

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

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## SERMON APPLICATION REVIEW

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How did you build on the foundation of Christ and His church (3:10–15)?

How did your faithfulness, love, and service align with what Christ may reward (3:14)?

## SCRIPTURE READING

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1 Corinthians 3:16–17; 1 Corinthians 3:18–23; 2 Corinthians 6:16–7:1;

Ephesians 2:19–22; 1 Peter 2:4–12; Matthew 22:37–40; 1 John 4:20–21

## STUDY QUESTIONS

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1. What are you most thankful for about CBC? In what ways have you encouraged God's work in this area? What area are you most concerned about? How are you currently helping to address these weaknesses? What is your overall view of the church? How does that view show itself in your attitudes, words, and actions?
2. How much time do you spend reflecting on your identity in Christ? Do you regularly reflect on God's hopeful view of the church? What effect does this have on your perspective and attitude? How can you increase your excitement and commitment to CBC? Who can come alongside you to help in this pursuit?
3. Consider the following quote from Quaker author and theologian, Elton Trueblood: "The church or something like it must be cherished, criticized, nourished, and reformed. The Church of Jesus Christ, with all its blemishes and its divisions and its failures, remains our best hope of spiritual vitality. However poor it is, life without it is worse." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
4. Do you believe that God will "destroy" some Christians? How does this truth shape the way you think about God? What steps can you take to ensure you do not bring this kind of temporal discipline upon yourself?
5. What does practical holiness look like in your life? How much time and energy are you devoting to growing in holiness? How passionate are you about purifying your heart and mind from even the smallest traces of sin? What does this look like? Read 2 Corinthians 7:1 and reflect on how it applies to your daily walk.

## RECOMMENDED READING

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Jared C. Wilson, *The Gospel-Driven Church: Uniting Church Growth Dreams with the Metrics of Grace* (Zondervan, 2019)

Kevin DeYoung, *The Hole in Our Holiness: Filling the Gap between Gospel Passion and the Pursuit of Godliness* (Crossway, 2014)

Marshall Shelley, *Well Intentioned Dragons: Ministering to Problem People in the Church* (Bethany, 1994)