

Build Up the Church

1 Corinthians 3:10-23 / March 23, 2025

3 ways we build up the Church:

1. Build on the _____

¹⁰By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Foundation: _____

1 Cor. 2:2 For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

2. Build with the _____

¹²If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. ¹⁴If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward. ¹⁵If it is burned up, the builder will suffer loss but yet will be saved – even though only as one escaping through the flames.

Gold, silver, costly stones

Wood, hay, straw

3. Build with the _____

- We are _____ in Christ

¹⁶Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

- We gain _____ in Christ

¹⁸Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become "fools" so that you may become wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness"; ²⁰and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile."

- We receive all of _____ in Christ

²¹So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, ²²whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future – all are yours, ²³and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

How can I participate in building up the Church?