

“God Caused the Growth” 1 Corinthians 3:1–17

Main Point

God is everything, and he cares how we build his church.

God is Everything

“I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18)

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!” (Psalm 115:1)

God Cares How We Build His Church

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.” (1 Peter 2:9–10)

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:19–22)

“For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.” (1 Corinthians 2:6)

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:3–4)

How to Build

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.” (2 Corinthians 5:10)

“And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:11–12)

Notes

Discuss

- Why should you give God all the glory for the growth of our church family over the past sixty years, and how can you practically do it?
- Who is someone who has made a significant contribution to building our church family on the foundation of the gospel, and what can you learn from their example?
- What are some of the questions that you have about how you can build our church family more effectively, and who is someone who you think can help you answer those questions?

Read

Psalm 115:1–18; Ephesians 2:11–20; 4:1–16

Pray

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to give him the glory for the growth he has caused in our church family over the past sixty years.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will use you to build his church on the foundation of Jesus Christ.

Announcements

- August 20: Exploring Membership (8:00am–12:00pm)
- August 28: Kids of the Kingdom Appreciation Sunday