

Know ye not? The Temple of God

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God...” - 1 Corinthians 3:16

“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost...” - 1 Corinthians 6:19

1. Babes in Christ

- a. Paul asks “know ye not” 9 nine times across both Corinthian epistles.
- b. The Corinthians have not learned the mind of Christ, they are divided. They do not speak the same thing, they boast in their teachers, and they do not glorify God in their body. (1 Cor 1:10-17, 1 Cor 6:19)
- c. Paul declares in Colossians 1 that He is interested solely in preaching the cross. The Corinthians have an issue with this, their glory is not good. (1 Cor 5:6)
 - i. He that glorieth let Him glory in the Lord (1 Cor 1:31)
 - ii. Nothing except Christ crucified... (1 Cor 2:2)
 - iii. The wisdom and power of God... the mystery... the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:4-8)
- d. The Corinthians are not ready to hear. They are glorying in the flesh, in food and drink, in baptisms, etc...
- e. Paul commands that all things be done decently and in order. (1 Cor 14:37, 40)
- f. The carnal Corinthians need to get past men and flesh and focus on the spiritual goal. (1 Cor 3:3-8)

2. The Necessary Milk

- a. Paul tells the Corinthians that this is the milk doctrine. (1 Cor 1:2)
- b. Who are these men? Labourers together with God. (1 Cor 3:9)
- c. Each of us will stand before God to give account for how we built. (Rom 14:12)
- d. **“Ye are God’s building.”** God is working on building up the body of Christ today.
 - i. The preaching of the cross, the mystery, the mind of Christ, all “according to the grace of God.” This is the foundation Paul has laid! (1 Cor 3:10)
 - ii. Take heed! The Corinthians gloried in men and flesh. (1 Cor 3:21)
 - iii. The Galatians attempted to follow the law and were likewise guilty of not building on this foundation.
- e. We will be judged for how we labour together with God. Is the doctrine working in you? Are you desiring to see it work in others (charity)? (1 Cor 13:1-3)
- f. **“Ye are the temple.”** The Spirit of God dwells in you. This means that you are not in the flesh (spiritually speaking) (Rom 8:9, Eph 1:13)
- g. You are not your own. You are to glorify God. This is where the glory is to be. (Gal 6:14-15)
- h. The temple is you, the body of Christ, each member in particular. We labour together for it.
- i. To make men see, what is the fellowship of the mystery. (Eph 3:9-10)