

Sermon Notes

Born for Conflict; Born Again for Peace
1 Corinthians 3:16-23

The followers of Jesus should love the church and build up the church by settling their conflicts graciously and removing the divisions that separate them.

Two big reasons believers should love and build up the church this way:

1) You are God's _____ and God's Spirit dwells in you (v16).

What He promises to do for the church:

2) Warning: if anyone destroys God's temple, God will _____ him (v.17).

Why such a strong warning? Because the church is God's chosen vessel to...

Make His _____ and glory known in all the earth.

Show the sin-sick world what true _____ is.

Give the gospel of salvation to _____ people.

Bring broken, guilty, shameful sinners _____ to Him.

What is required to enable us to build up the church this way?

1) Put off _____ wisdom which tears down and weakens the church (v.18).

- Us against them (1:12, 11:17).
- Success over godliness (ch. 5).
- Success over loving (ch. 6).
- Being right over serving the weak (ch. 8,11,12).

2) Put on God's wisdom which builds up and strengthens the church (v.19-23).

- Treasure **THAT** believer _____ by God to belong to Him (1 Cor. 12:18).
- _____ with the one who suffers (1 Cor. 12:25-26).
- Limit personal preferences to serve the _____ (1 Cor. 8:7-13).
- Set aside personal honor and honor those who are _____ (1 Cor. 12:21-24).