



YE ARE GOD'S BUILDING

SCRIPTURAL LESSON: *I Corinthians 3:7-11*

GOSPEL TRUTH:

Believers born of water and of the Spirit are the temple of GOD. “*What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*” (*I Corinthians 6:19*). *Ephesians 5:30* also tells us that “*For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.*” The baptism of the Holy Spirit unites believers to Christ Jesus and to one another, forming the church in which He is the Head and in which He has the preeminence (*I Corinthians 12:13-14; Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18*).

GOLDEN SCRIPTURE:

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).

THE APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH DOCTRINES:

1. As believers, we love the Lord and let His Holy Spirit have His way with us. We then become laborers together with God, vessels for His service and glory (*I Corinthians 3:9*).
2. We are children of the New Testament covenant. God hath said “. . . *I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*” (*II Corinthians 6:16-18; Hebrews 8:10-12*).
3. No matter what position we hold in the church, we are all laborers together with God. In this gospel work, it is God that touches the heart and saves the soul and gives the increase (*I Corinthians 3:7-8*).

BACKGROUND SETTING:

Jesus said unto Peter in *Matthew 16:18*: “*And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*” Jesus is that Sure Foundation upon which the whole building stands (*Mark 16:16; John 3:5-7; Acts 2:38, 4:12*). NO other foundation can be laid but Christ Jesus Himself (*I Corinthians 3:11*). Paul was a wise master builder using the Word of God skillfully in nourishing, uplifting and encouraging all believers in Christ Jesus. Therefore, we must take heed in how we build our spiritual lives. Gold, silver and other riches will perish. But if we labor for Christ, we will not lose our eternal rewards (*I Corinthians 3:8*). A crown of glory awaits every believer (*II Timothy 4:8*).

LESSON SUMMARY:

We, as believers born of water and of the Spirit, are laborers together with God in this gospel work. God is working with us, in us, and through us to accomplish His will on earth. We are united with Christ Jesus in this soul saving business. “*And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ*” (*Colossians 3:23-24*). Jesus is the only Sure Foundation upon which we must build our spiritual lives. Jesus reminds us in *Revelation 22:12* that “. . . *I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.*”

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