

Rewarded for serving Jesus, or not

1 Corinthians 3:10-17, p. 925

I. THE GOSPEL OF JESUS IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH (1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-11).

A. Jesus commissioned Paul to lay the foundation of the church in Corinth that others developed (3:10a).

B. Be careful how you impact the church because Jesus Christ is building His church (3:10b-11).

II. WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE AND REWARDED FOR HOW WE SERVE CHRIST (1 CORINTHIANS 3:12-15).

A. Jesus will one day judge how well we served the church He is building (3:12-13).

- Gold, silver, stones – What has eternal value – rewarded.
- Wood, hay, straw – What has no eternal value – wasted.

Eternal rewards

Judgment Seat/Bema – 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:10-12

Crowns - 1 Cor. 9:24-25; 1 Thess. 2:19-20; 2 Timothy 4:8

Meeting Christ – Revelation 3:11, 19:8; 22:12

B. Jesus will reward those who serve selflessly while some Christians will be saved but miss out on His rewards (3:14-15).

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT DWELLS IN THE CHURCH SO WE MUST BUILD IT, NOT HARM IT (1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-17).