

# Allen Temple Baptist Church

*Sunday School Live* 

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## **November 2021 Sunday School Lesson Theme** ***The God Who Rebuilds***

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**Sunday November 21, 2021**

**God's Master Builders**

**Lesson Text: 1 Corinthians 3:1-15**

**Devotional: Acts 18; 1 Corinthians 1- 3**

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# LESSON BACKGROUND

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- **City of Corinth:** Corinth in Greece was the capital of the Roman province Achaia. It was a prosperous city but also known for its immorality.
- **The Church at Corinth:** Planted on Paul's second missionary journey in AD 50-51 after his visit in Athens (cf. Acts 15:36; 18:1-18)

# LESSON BACKGROUND

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- **Purpose:** Paul wrote to address several issues in the church: Division, immorality, , spiritual gifts, generosity, humility and more.
- **The Message:** A Pastoral correction, clear direct manner, identifying behaviors, giving correction, clarifying the expectation with warnings of consequences.

# LESSON OBJECTIVES

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## **Transformative Learning Experience**

1. How to prevent or correct extended spiritual immaturity with new believers & churches.
2. Understand our assignment and role as believers and builders, leaders, Pastors etc.
3. Use this lesson to improve our spiritual growth or transform into planting building new temples on Christ. Be a good witness.

# EXAMINING THE TEXT

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## Lesson Themes

**Theme 1:** Spiritual immaturity.

**1 Cor 3: 1-4**

**Theme 2:** Clarifying our role & purpose.

**1 Cor 3: 5-9**

**Theme 3:** Building on the right foundation.

**1 Cor 3: 10 -16**

# SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- **Acts Chapter 18**
- **1 Corinthians 1: 10 – 17**
- **1 Corinthians 2: 14 – 16**
- **1 Corinthians 4: 14 – 21**
- **Romans 12: 3-10**
- **2 Corinthians 5:17**

# LESSON BACKGROUND

- **1 Corinthians 1: 10** I appeal to you brothers in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.
- **11)** My brothers some from Chloe's household have informed me that there are quarrels among you.

# LESSON BACKGROUND

- **1 Cor. 1: Vs. 12)** What I mean is this: One of you says, "I follow Paul" ; another, "I follow Apollos"; another, "I follow Cephas"; still another, "I follow Christ."
- **Vs. 13)** Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were You baptized in the name of Paul?
- **Vs. 14)** I am thankful that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius.



# LESSON BACKGROUND

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**1 Cor 1: 15) So none of you can say you were baptized in my name.**

**Paul made his appeal. ( Instructing In Good reason)**

**Identified the immature behaviors and challenged their very words against sound teaching.**

**Expressed his disappointment in their actions.**

## KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

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The Church was a mixture of Jews and  
Largely Gentile converts. **1 Cor 6:9-11**

Corinth was a prominent city with people of  
all socioeconomic backgrounds. There were  
members of Noble Birth and those who were  
once slaves all together. **1 Cor: 1:26**

**Likely a cause for division among the  
members.**

# QUESTIONS???

- 1. What are some of the main causes of division in the church today?**
- 2. How does division affect the strength of the Church & the message of the Gospel today?**
- 3. What are some of the consequences of elitism, segregation & judgment in the Church?**

## LESSON TEXT

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**1 Corinthians 3: 1-2 NIV. Brothers I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly-merely infants in Christ.**

**VS. 2). I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed you're still not ready.**

## LESSON TEXT

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**1 Corinthians 3:3** You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?

**VS.4** For when one says, "I follow Paul" another, "I follow Apollos," are you not mere men?

## LESSON TEXT

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**1 Corinthians 3:5) What, after all is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe-as the Lord has assigned each his task. VS.6) I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.**

**VS.7) So neither he who plants, nor he who waters is anything but only God.**

## KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

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- **Spiritual immaturity should only be temporary.**
- **Misconduct should be corrected and resolved with understanding Gods' love and guidance.**
- **Our gifts, talents, skills are given by The Lord & should be used to glorify God & not self.**
- **Self-righteousness is flesh and enmity against God's spirit.**

## LESSON TEXT

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**1 Corinthians 3:8 The man who plants and the man who waters have one purpose, and each will be rewarded according to his own labor.**

**VS.9) For We are God's Fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building.**



## LESSON TEXT

**1 CORINTHIANS 3:10) By the grace God Has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. VS)11. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid.**

## LESSON TEXT

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**1 Corinthians 3:12) If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood , hay or straw, VS.13) his work will be shown for what it is, because the day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work.**

# LESSON TEXT

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## 1 CORINTHIANS 3:14- 15

**VS. 14) If what he has built survives he will receive his reward, VS.15) If it is burned up He will suffer loss; He himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through flames.**

# APPLICATION FOR LIFE

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- **Who is the only foundation we build on?**
- **What are we planting building?**
- **What materials should I use?**
- **Why should I be building?**
- **How will what I build be tested?**
- **Who Gives the Increase?**

# APPLICATION FOR LIFE

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- **What type of leaders do we need?**
- **Every man/woman has a PURPOSE in God's plan ?**
- **How am I contributing to the kingdom of God?**
- **Where do I need to improve?**
- **How do I respond when I am corrected?**
- **What does my progress report look like?**

# SUMMARY

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**The letters to the church at Corinth speak to the Church today. The applications and instructions we see in the text provide us great tools for daily Christian living, preventing and resolving differences, and how we should help our brothers and sisters in Christ. As we plant, build new temples, new ministries to glorify GOD, we must only build on Christ. Love, Peace, Kindness, Gold, Silver & Precious Stones. God Gives The Increase, Blessings & Rewards**