



## Family Resource for 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

week of March 21, 2010

### ❖ Sunday

**Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10**

**Word of the day: grace**

- **What is a ‘grace?’**
  - *unmerited favor*
  - *when God gives us things we don’t deserve, like forgiveness or gifts & talents*
- **Why does God give us grace?**
  - *because of his love & mercy*
- **How does someone receive God’s grace?**
  - *Jesus freely laid down his life to pay the death penalty that we deserved for our sin & rebellion against God. When we ask Jesus to forgive us & give us grace, this can only occur because of his sacrifice on the cross.*
- **Have you received God’s grace? How has God shown his love to you?**
- **Talk to God:** *“Thank you, Jesus, for your grace. Thank you for forgiving us through the cross...”*

### ❖ Monday

**Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-11**

**Word of the day: foundation**

- **What is a foundation?**
  - *like a foundation for a house (the lowest, most important part of the entire structure that holds everything together)*
  - *when you build a house, the first thing you do is lay the foundation*
- **How is Jesus the foundation for our lives?**
  - *the first thing that happens when we are saved & forgiven (also referred to as ‘born-again’) is that Jesus changes us & makes us new people. He gives us a new heart. And Christ himself becomes the rock solid foundation for which we can build our lives.*
  - *after we receive forgiveness from Jesus, we build our lives upon Him.*
- **How important is it for Jesus to be our foundation?**
  - *we will always have a foundation. Either it will be Jesus or someone or something else. Either we will live for Christ, or we will live for ourselves, someone else, or the devil.*
- **Is Jesus truly the foundation for your life? Is he the first & most important part of your life that strengthens you, guides you, & holds everything together?**
- **Talk to God:** *“Lord, thank you for changing me & giving me a fresh start to life when I received you as my Savior. Thank for you being my solid rock, my strong foundation...”*

## ❖ Tuesday

**Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-15**

**Word of the day: judgment day**

- **What is the job of a judge?**
  - *to make decisions in trials.*
  
- **2 Timothy 4:1 (NLT) says that Jesus Christ will “someday judge the living and the dead when he appears to set up his Kingdom.” Will that be a good day for you?**
  
- **On what criteria will we be judged?**
  - *for those who are not Christians, they will be judged to see if they will go to Heaven or not - based solely upon whether or not they have received Christ as their Lord & Savior. Those that have not received grace through the cross of Christ will be sentenced to hell forever (see Rev. 20:10-15), the place created for the punishment of satan & his demons.*
  - *for the true Christians, we will be judged not to see if we will go to Heaven, we will be judged to see what rewards we will have in Heaven. While some will have many, some will not have any at all.*
  
- **What will we use our rewards for in Heaven?**
  - *to praise God with. We can lay down our rewards at the feet of Jesus & thank Him for everything - for apart from His grace & empowering, we could not do anything at all.*
  
- **Talk to God:** “Jesus, thank you for the forgiveness that you give. Thank you that you give us a new start. Help us to live for you & serve you.”

## ❖ Wednesday

**Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-17**

**Word of the day: temple**

- **What is the temple?**
  - *In the Old Testament times, it was the building in which God was through to have lived.*
  - *Since Jesus’ death & resurrection, God lives in us.*
  
- **How is the temple like our church today?**
  - *In this passage, Paul is referring to all of us together being the temple of God. When we all come together at church, something special happens. God is at work in our church family.*
  
- **Does God care about our church? Does He care if someone tries to hurt our church?**
  - *absolutely! Verse 17 says “God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God’s temple is holy, and you are that temple.” (NLT). God loves his church so much, that He will fight to defend it.*
  
- **Are you a part of the church?**
  
- **Talk to God:** “God, thank you for allowing me to be a part of your church. Thank you that the Holy Spirit lives within me. And thank you for meeting us in a special way when our church family gets together for services...”

## ❖ Thursday

**Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:18-20**

**Word of the day: deception**

- **What does it mean to be deceived?**
  - *to believe a lie*
- **How can we deceive ourselves?**
  - *when, in or pride & arrogance, believe something that is not true.*
- **What are some examples of lies that people believe about themselves?**
  - *they are good people, so they will go to Heaven (only those who have received Jesus will go to Heaven).*
  - *they are the most important thing in the world*
  - *they are too bad for Jesus to forgive*
  - *they are worthless & have no value*
  - *there is no help for them*
- **How can we stop deceiving ourselves with unbiblical worldviews?**
  - *Paul tells us that the Scriptures (God's Word) will open our eyes to the lies of this world.*
  - *We must read & study the Scriptures or we will never even know how much we are missing! We will just believe the lies & fool ourselves into thinking that we are right!*
- **Talk to God:** *"Jesus, in John 14:6, you say that you are the way, the truth, & the life. Help me to live according to your truth. Deliver me from the lies that I tell myself. Show me the truth by your Word..."*

## ❖ Friday

**Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:20**

**Word of the day: omniscience** (pronounced "om-ni-shuns")

- **What does 'omniscience' mean?**
  - *that God knows everything. By 'everything', I mean absolutely everything!*
- **God knows your thoughts. What do you think of that?**
- **Do you live your life with the realization that God knows your thoughts & the motives of your heart?**
- **Practically, what does this mean when it comes to prayer & repentance?**
  - *We should openly talk to God about our sin. It's not like He doesn't already know! We need to be real with Him.*
  - *The Lord knows our thoughts & our temptations. So, when we are tempted, he knows it. We can immediately ask for His help to overcome the temptation.*
- **Talk to God:** *"Father, thank you for knowing everything. Thank you that there are no secrets between us. Help us to live openly before you & serve You with true hearts..."*

❖ Saturday

**Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:21-23**

**Word of the day: ownership**

- What does ‘ownership’ mean?
- In our passage, who is the one who owns everything?
  - *God*
- Do you live your life conscious of the fact that God owns you and everything else in the world?
- In light of His ownership of everything, how hard is it for God to supply your needs?
  - *not hard at all. He is just simply moving something he owns (a job, car, etc) and giving it to someone else he owns. The Lord is just moving around stuff he already owns!*
- What added responsibility do we have to take care of our bodies and the stuff that God has given us?
  - *A LOT! We don’t own anything. Everything we have is a gift!*
  - ***Our bodies are not ours to do whatever we want!** We must be stewards of all the things God has given us, including our health, our bodies, our children, jobs, homes, cars, etc.*
  - ***Everything God gives us is to be used for His glory, not ours!***
- Talk to God: *“Heavenly Father, help us to never forget that you are the owner of all things! Thank you for giving us great gifts. May we be responsible & use them for your glory...”*