

Lesson 3

1 Corinthians 3:1-23

• Questions

1. How did Paul speak to the Corinthians and what did he feed them (3:1-2)?

2. How did the Corinthians show their carnal attitude (3:3)?

3. What were the Corinthians doing with Paul and Apollos that was wrong (3:4)?

4. What were Apollos and Paul with regard to God's work (3:5-9)?

5. What did Paul lay down (3:10-11)?

6. What two things can happen to a man's work who builds on the foundation of Jesus Christ (3:12-15)?

7. How did Paul describe the church at Corinth and what warning did he give (3:16-17)?

8. What admonition did Paul give to those who think they are wise (3:18)?

9. How did Paul describe the wisdom of this world (3:19-20)?

10. Who and what belong to the Corinthians (3:21-22)?

11. Who did the Corinthians belong to and who does Christ belong to (3:23)?

• **Digging Deeper**

1. What does “carnal” mean (3:1, 3)?

2. What OT scripture did Paul quote in 1 Corinthians 3:19 and 3:20?

• **Applications for Today**

1. Jealousy and strife come from Christians who are acting carnally (3:1-3). What are jealousy and strife indications of (Gal. 5:19-20; Jas. 3:14-16)?

2. Christians need to be careful to follow the message (the NT gospel) and not the minister of the message (3:4-9). What did Peter say when Cornelius fell down to worship him (Acts 10:25-26)? What did the angel say when John fell down to worship him (Rev. 19:10; 21:8-9)?

3. Christians are to build their lives on the foundation of Jesus Christ (3:10-15). What does a wise man do and what does a foolish man do (Lk. 6:47-49)?

4. Christians must not do anything to destroy or defile the local church which is the holy temple of God (3:16-17). What can a person do to destroy the local church (Acts 8:1; 12:1; 1 Cor. 10:32; 11:22; 3 Jn. 9-10)?

5. Christians belong to Jesus (3:21-23). What name should a person wear to glorify God (1 Pet. 4:16)?