

THE ONE AND THE MANY

One Foundation / Many Mansions (rooms)

John 14:2a In my Father's house are many mansions.

One Body / Many Members

1 Corinthians 12:14 Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

SLIDE 1

Background Passage: 1 Corinthians 3:1-23

Lesson Passage: 1 Corinthians 3:10-23

UNIFYING TOPIC: Believers (the Church) as God's Temple

The unifying principle is that Christians should have shared values and beliefs.

When Paul established the church in Corinth, there was a lot of division caused by their beliefs many pagan gods and their tendency to bring worldly practices into Christian life. This lesson covers Paul's teachings that God's Church is not divided, therefore, they had to change their old ways and thoughts to learn the mind and principles of Christ, which is the foundation of the Church.

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THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH (1Corinthians 3:10-11)

In verse 10, Paul describes himself as a "wise master builder". He realized that a strong foundation is crucial for the stability and longevity of any structure, whether it's a building, a relationship, or even an individual's personal development. It provides the necessary support to withstand external pressures and ensures long-term durability.

MAIN THOUGHT / KEY VERSE

1 Corinthians 3:11 For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Matthew 7:24-27 The Wise and Foolish Builders

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, the winds blew & beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

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THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH

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What is the foundational principle of Christianity?

The core doctrines of Christianity center on the belief in one God, who exists as a Trinity: Father, Son (Jesus Christ), and Holy Spirit. Christians believe Jesus, as the Son of God, is both fully divine and fully human, and that through his life, death, and resurrection, **humanity can be reconciled to God and receive salvation.**

SLIDE 5 Building on Christ's Foundation

LESSON AIM is to fulfill Jesus' call for unity. He prayed that we might be united as one.
John 17:11-23, Genesis 11:1-6.

Carnality can cause the erosion of unity in the Church? Many churches are struggling because of their shift away from Christ as the foundation to focus on programs and traditions which are insufficient for long-term growth. **I Corinthians 3:1-9**

How does one change from carnal to spiritual?

In Christianity, the responsibility for a person's spiritual transformation from carnal to spiritual is generally understood as a shared effort between God (specifically the Holy Spirit) and each of us individual, with preachers and teachers playing a supportive role.

- The Holy Spirit is considered the primary agent of change, convicting individuals of their sin and empowering them to live a transformed life.
- Individuals are called to choose to surrender their lives to Christ and to cooperate with the Holy Spirit's work.
- Preachers and teachers are tasked with proclaiming the gospel message and providing guidance and instruction on biblical principles for spiritual growth.

SLIDE 6 Building on Christ's Foundation (1Corinthians 3:12-15)**SLIDE 7 Eternal Values in The Life of Christ**

Jesus Christ emphasized the importance of focusing on eternal, spiritual treasures over material possessions and the temporary nature of earthly life. He exemplified numerous eternal values throughout his life and teachings that were central to his ministry. He demonstrated these values through his actions, including healing the sick, forgiving sinners, and sacrificing himself for humanity.

SLIDE 8 God's Temple (1Corinthians 3:16-23)

LIFE AIM is to help Believers transition their understanding of the Church from being a building to being a person.

- Believers must embrace the responsibility of being the Church, the Temple of God.
- Don't defile the Temple of God, our bodies.
- Don't defile the building, where we come to worship and enjoy God's presence.
- Don't deceive your own self by thinking you know more than you really do.
- Use Godly wisdom rather than worldly practices.