

Live the Opposite Life

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

God calls us to live a different life – a life that stands in contrast to the patterns of this world. In 1 Corinthians, we learn that the Corinthian believers did not live differently from the society they were in. There was division among them, materialism, and sexual immorality. Sadly, these are still true of the church of Jesus Christ today. How do we live THE OPPOSITE LIFE?

Make Jesus Your Foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11)

If we want to make a difference in this world by the power of the Holy Spirit, it begins by making Jesus the foundation of our life. Faith and obedience cannot be separated. Obeying God is the proof that Jesus is indeed our foundation (Matthew 7:24-27). It is practicing obedience to His words in the calm seasons of life so that we build a lifestyle of joyful obedience to Him even in the storms of life. The Bible identifies Jesus as the “cornerstone,” the chief stone of an edifice that all the other stones must align with. Jesus as our Cornerstone means our thinking, emotions, and actions in everyday life are all aligned with Him. The proof that He is our foundation is when we hear His words and put them into practice.

Build for Eternity (1 Corinthians 3:12-13)

Paul differentiates between two categories of building materials: the valuable (gold, silver, and precious stones) and the perishable (wood, hay, and straw). A day of judgment awaits believers, not for salvation, but to evaluate how we lived our lives. Today's choices carry eternal consequences. Thus, the foundation we build on matters significantly: is it grounded in elements of eternal value, such as God's Word, consistent obedience, disciple-making, and compassion for others? Even in the simplest actions, like eating and drinking, our intent should be to honor God's glory. Conversely, building upon elements that contradict these values, such as materialism, self-centeredness, yielding to lust,

and prioritizing anything above God, is a regrettable choice. It is crucial that we evaluate the composition of our foundation. Our Heavenly Father promises to reward to those whose efforts withstand the trial of fire on that day.

Know You are God's Temple (1 Corinthians 3:16-17)

Paul addressed the believers collectively as the temple of God. The Corinthian church did not have a temple but gathered for fellowship in homes. They may have heard of Solomon's temple, etc., and had pagan temples in their city, so what Paul said must have been especially meaningful to them. We are the holy temple of God, set apart for a purpose and for a person: the Christ, the Rock on whom we stand. The temple of God is precious, and as such, you are precious to God.

The most amazing aspect of Solomon's temple was not how it looked, but what took place there: the glory of the Lord filled the place (2 Chronicles 7:1-2). When we live our everyday lives, does the glory of God shine through us? Can others see Christ in us? We are set apart as His people, to announce and talk about who God is to the world (1 Peter 2:9-10). We need to constantly ask ourselves how we can glorify God in every situation.

Be a “Fool” for Christ (1 Corinthians 3:18-23)

The wisdom of the world is foolishness to God. In Luke 12, Jesus gives a parable that illustrates the wisdom of the world which is opposite to God's wisdom. We don't want God to call us a fool on the last day of our lives, so we need to live as “fools” for Jesus, in opposition to the world's wisdom!

In Jesus, we possess everything we need to build a life of purpose, unity, and victorious life. Let's inspire others by living out THE OPPOSITE life and making a significant difference in the world, all for the glory of God!

last week's memory verse

According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:10-11

discuss this message

Can you say that Jesus Christ is the foundation of your life? Why or why not?
With what materials are you building your life right now? (See 1 Corinthians 3:12)
How will you best live your life as part of God's temple?
What does it mean to be a fool for Christ? How will you apply it?

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1 God loves you.

He desires for you to have a meaningful life with Him in the present and gain eternal life with Him in the future.

*Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who **keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness** to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments — Deuteronomy 7:9*

2 God is holy.

We are sinful, and our sin separates us from Him.

Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. — Romans 3:23

3 God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. — Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. — John 14:6

4 God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. — John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. — Ephesians 2:8-9

5 God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. — 1 John 5:11-13

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