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CHRISTIAN UNITY: Parables of the Field and the Building I Cor. 3:1-17

1. But I, brethren, could not address you as spiritual, NOT READY
but as people of the flesh, as children in Christ. OF THE FLESH
I fed you milk, not solid food; PARABLE OF
for you were not ready for it; MILK/SOLID FOOD
and even yet you are not ready, NOT READY
for you are still of the flesh. OF THE FLESH

2. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, STRIFE MEANS
are you not of the flesh, OF THE FLESH
and walking in the ways of mankind?

3. For when one says, "I belong to Paul," DIVISION MEANS
and another, "I belong to Apollos," NON-SPIRITUAL
are you not merely men?

4. a. What then is Paul?
b. What is Apollos? WE ARE SERVANTS
c. Servants through whom you believed, OF GOD
d. as the Lord assigned to each.

5. e. I planted, WE FARM
f. Apollos watered, GOD GIVES GROWTH
g. but God gave the growth.

6. e. So neither he who plants
f. nor he who waters is anything, WE ARE NOTHING
g. but God who gives the growth. GOD IS SOMETHING

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b. and he who waters are equal, OF GOD
c. and each shall receive his wages according to his labor.
d. For we are fellow workers for God;

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God's building. (a connecting "hinge")

The Parable of the Builder (I Cor 3:10-17)

1. According to the commission of God given to me,
like a skilled master builder
I laid a ***foundation***, and another is building upon it.
Let each man take care how he builds upon it. "THE FOUNDATION"
For ***no other foundation*** can any one lay IS CHRIST
than that which is laid, which is ***Jesus Christ***.

2. Now if any one builds on "***the foundation***" BUILT ON:
with gold, silver, precious stones, "THE FOUNDATION"
wood, grass, stubble - QUALITY REVEALED
each man's work will become manifest;

3. for ***the Day*** will disclose it TESTED
because it will be ***revealed with fire***, BY FIRE
and the fire will test
what sort of ***work each one has done***.

4. If the work which any man has built on "***the foundation***" survives,
he will receive a ***reward***.
If any man's work ***is burned up***, BUILT ON:
he will suffer ***loss***. "THE FOUNDATION"
though ***he will be saved***, GAIN/LOSS
but only as through fire.

5. Do you not know ***that you are God's temple***
and that ***God's Spirit dwells in you?***
If any one ***destroys God's temple***, YOU ARE
God will ***destroy him***. THE BUILDING
For ***God's temple is holy***
and ***that temple you are***.

STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERIES OF GOD I Cor 3:18-4:7

1. Let no one deceive himself.

If any one among you *thinks he is wise* in this age,
let him *become a fool* that he may be wise. NO BOASTING
For the *wisdom of this world* is *folly with God*. ABOUT YOURSELVES

2. For it is written,
"He *catches the wise* in their craftiness"
and again,
"The Lord knows
that the thoughts of the *wise are futile*."
So let *no one boast* of *men*.

SCRIPTURE:
NO BOASTING
ABOUT LEADERS

3. For all things are yours,
whether *Paul* or *Apollos* or *Cephas*
or the world or life or death
or the present or the future,
all are yours;
and you are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

PAUL - APOLLOS
ALL YOURS

4. This is how one should regard us,
as *servants of Christ*
and *stewards of the mysteries of God*.
Moreover it is *required of stewards*
that they be found *faithful*.

SEE US AS:
SERVANTS
STEWARDS

5. To me it is *trifling* to be *judged by you*
or by *any human court*.
I do not even judge myself.
I am not aware of anything against myself,
but I am *not* thereby *acquitted*.
It is the *Lord who judges me*.

THE LORD
JUDGES ME

6. Therefore *do not pronounce judgment* before the time,
before the Lord comes,
who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness
and will disclose the purposes/motives of people's hearts.

THE LORD
JUDGES &
COMMENDS

ALL

That *every person* receive his *commendation from God*.

7. I have applied all this to *myself*
and to *Apollos* for your benefit, brethren,

PAUL - APOLLOS
ALL YOURS

8. that you may learn by/in us
not to go beyond that which is scripture,
that *none* of you may be *puffed up*
in favor of one against another.

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9. For who sees anything different in you?
What have you that you did not receive?
Then, if you received it why do you boast
as if you did not receive it?

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