

The Temple of God

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

I. God's Place

"Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you?" 1 Cor. 3:16

- A. The Temple is the dwelling place of God
 - Omnipresent but especially present in his temple (Jer, 23:24)
 - "Do you not know?" Ten times in 1 Cor. once in Rom.
- B. The Lord's is in his Temple. (Word refers to holy place with ark)
 - Exodus 33:11 Moses speaks to God (Adam and Eve Gen 3)
 - Exodus 40:34-35 Cloud in Tabernacle
 - 1 Kings 8:10-11 Cloud in Temple
 - When temple defiled, God destroyed it, 586 BC

II. God's Protection

- A. New Temple is the Christian
 - God's cloud dwells in you, Acts 2:38
 - 1 Cor. 3:16 If anyone destroys Gods, temple, God destroys him (same word for corrupt in 1 Cor. 15:33)
- B. You are a vessel for the Holy Spirit
 - Eph 1:13 When you obeyed gospel, sealed by Holy Spirit
 - Gal 4:6 Because you are sons, God sent Spirit into our hearts
 - 1 Cor. 6:19 Your body is temple of Holy Spirit with you,
- C. God takes his temple seriously
 - 1. In Old Testament,
 - Nadab/Abihu, Leviticus 11, Uzziah 2 Chron 26, Malachi
 - 2. In New Testament
 - John 2
 - Not own bought with price (1 Cor 6:20), 1 Pt be holy

III. God's Purification (Sanctification)

- A. Cleansed At Salvation
 - When you obeyed gospel, you were cleansed
 - Remain cleansed, 1 Cor. 1:2 Be holy
 - 1 Cor. 3:17 God's temple is holy, you are that temple
- B. Continual Cleansing Through Journey
 - 1 John 1:7
 - Continual cleansing and making to be holy
 - God will never be satisfied with where you are