

**October 4, 2020**  
**I Corinthians 3:16-23**  
**In Christ, I Am A Temple Of God**

**PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION**

**In Christ, believers are God's temple.** **Romans 8:9**, "You, however, are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God lives in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him." (HCSB)

**Beware of self-deception!** We must trust Scripture, we cannot trust in human wisdom and we cannot trust in men as some in the church at Corinth were doing. Their skewed view of themselves and of others led them into a state of division and a lack of unity. We cannot even trust our hearts, **Jeremiah 17:9**, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick, who can understand it?" (ESV) Paul's call was for complete dependence on God.

**In Christ, believers are God's property, not their own.**

**I Corinthians 6:19-20**, "Don't you know that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body." (HCSB)

**APPLICATION:**

Division and disunity can be a huge problem in the church, in marriages, and families. The great news is that God has a solution for this problem. In our text today Paul teaches that the solution to the problem is correct thinking. To have unity believers must have a proper view of: themselves, others, and Who's they are. **Matthew 22:34-40**.

Correct beliefs, if followed, result in right actions. The Corinthians were struggling with the transition from their old world views to the TRUTH they had in Christ as Savior. In this passage Paul spoke to them about being the "Temple" of God. **2 Timothy 3:15**.

Yes, as believers the Holy Spirit of God literally lives within us. Therefore, anything we do and any where we go we are carrying the Holy Spirit with us. It is for this reason, at least in part, that Paul wrote to the Ephesians in **Ephesians 4:30** to be careful not to "grieve" the Holy Spirit.

So, what does this mean for us? Those who trust Jesus Christ as Savior have the Holy Spirit living within us and we are to be mindful of what we say, or think, our attitudes, and intentions. There is nothing hidden from God. With this in mind, examine your beliefs against Scripture. Then, if your beliefs line up with Scripture examine your

actions to assess if they line up with your beliefs! Be aware that if they do not, your actions will grieve the Holy Spirit who lives in you. **I Corinthians 3:17b** reads, “for God’s sanctuary is holy, and that is what you are.” (HCSB)