

Studies in First Corinthians

NT Survey Lesson 89--1 Corinthians 3

Introduction: In this chapter Paul emphasizes his role in bringing about the salvation of the Corinthians. He seeks to show them that it is God's word and power that brings about salvation, not man's wisdom. Therefore, God should receive the glory.

Lesson aim: To show that though men are being used by God to accomplish His purpose, the power to save comes from Him. We should glorify God, not men.

Paul's describes his role in preaching at Corinth--1 Cor. 3:1-17

1. Paul could not speak to the Corinthians as what kind of men? What kind of men were they?
2. What does Paul mean, "I gave you milk to drink"?
3. What things showed that the Corinthians were "fleshly, walking like mere men"?
4. How did Paul describe men like himself and Apollos?
5. "I _____, Apollos _____, but _____ was causing the growth".
6. In what two ways did Paul describe the Corinthians? (v. 9)
7. Who is the foundation of God's temple?
8. What warning did Paul give to those who build upon the foundation?
9. What will God give to those whose converts continue to remain in the temple? (v. 14)
10. Paul called the church at Corinth "the _____ of God".
11. What will happen to those who destroy God's temple? Why?

Paul applies the message to the Corinthians--1 Cor. 3:18-23

1. What did Paul tell those who think they are wise to do? What does he mean by this?
2. Is it good for us to boast in men?
3. What reason did Paul give to encourage the Corinthians to not boast in men but to boast in God? (v. 21-23)