

Two Analogies of the Church:
A Cultivated Field and
a Holy Building

1 Corinthians 3:5-17

Don't encourage divisions among God's people

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John 17:20-21

- " I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

John 17:22-23

- "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, **that they may be one just as We are one**: I in them, and You in Me; that **they may be made perfect in one**, and that **the world may know that You have sent Me**, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

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1 Corinthians 1:8

- who will also confirm you to the end, *that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Corinthians 2:2

- For I determined not to know anything among you **except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.**

1 Corinthians 1:13

- Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

1 Peter 1:7

- that the genuineness of **your faith**, *being much more precious than gold* that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

2 Corinthians 5:8-11

- We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ**, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

Romans 14:9-12

- For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? **For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.** For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God." **So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.**

2 Thessalonians 1:6-8

- since *it is* a righteous thing with God to **repay with tribulation** those who trouble you, and to *give* you who are troubled rest with us **when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven** with His mighty angels, in flaming fire **taking vengeance** on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:9-10

- These shall be **punished with everlasting destruction** from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power, **when He comes, in that Day**, to be glorified in His saints and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed.

Romans 8:1

- *There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus*, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

John 5:24

- " Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

Romans 3:24; 11:6

- being **justified freely by His grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
- And if by grace, then *it is* no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if *it is* of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.

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