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[Matthew 28:1-10](#)

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The Doctrine of the Resurrections

([1 Corinthians 3:10-17](#))

The judgment of the works of the believers (4)

Preamble (continued)

Paul was not one to do things halfway. When he ran a race or fought a fight, he did so to win—to win the imperishable wreath of His Lord's reward ([1 Corinthians 9:24-27](#)). He was not competing with other believers, but against his own **weakness, weariness, and sin**.

Though the particular words had not yet been written, Paul always had before him the knowledge that, **“Behold, I [Jesus] am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done”** ([Revelation 22:12](#)).

In speaking about believers' rewards, Paul was not talking about our judging works or about God's judging sin. Because all believers will **“stand before the judgment seat of God,”** each of us giving an **“account of himself to God,”** we have no right to judge the work of other believers ([Romans 14:10-12](#)).

We do not even know what rewards we will receive for ourselves, much less what another will receive. Both favorable and unfavorable judging is excluded.

We do not even have the necessary insight to judge unbelievers in the church, who are tares among the wheat (cf. [Matthew 13:24-30](#)).

Obviously, we are to rebuke sin and confront the sinning brother ([Matthew 18:15-19](#); [1 Corinthians 5:1-13](#)), but that is because we can *see* such sin.

Judging motives and the worthiness of reward is for God, who alone knows the heart.

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(1 Corinthians 3:10-17) Introduction—Church: this passage pictures the building of the church.

This is clearly seen in that Paul has just declared to the local believers in Corinth, “You are God’s building” ([1 Corinthians 3:9](#); cp. [1 Corinthians 3:16](#)).

1 Corinthians 3:9 (NASB)

⁹For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building.

1 Corinthians 3:16 (NASB)

¹⁶Do you not know that you are a temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

The church in Corinth was in severe straits.

There were some *troublemakers* and *opinionated* cliques in the church who were about to destroy the church.

Because of this they were endangering their eternal destiny, and they desperately needed to realize this.

One of the answers to a divided church is for every believer to be a *wise builder and laborer within the church*.

1. **There is the master builder and the laborers (v.10).**
2. **There is the warning: let every believer take heed how he builds (v.10).**
3. **There is the only foundation: Jesus Christ (v.11).**
4. **There is the structure: there are two possible materials—permanent vs. perishable (v.12).**
5. **There is the day of inspection (v.13-15).**
6. **There is the building identified: the temple of God, that is, the church (v.16).**
7. **There is the seriousness of defilement: destruction (v.17).**