

# Sermon Study Questions

**Sunday, October 22, 2023**

1. Read 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
2. Thus far in 1 Corinthians Paul's main concern is for the church and its well-being. With that in mind he sets out here to elevate their view of the church. In doing so he refers to the church as God's temple. What does this mean? (Think of it in terms of the Jerusalem temple.)
3. Foundational to understanding that the church is God's temple is an understanding that the true temple is Jesus Christ. In what sense is Jesus the true temple?
4. Though Jesus is the true temple, here Paul says the church is God's temple. How is it that Jesus is the true temple and at the same time the church is God's temple?
5. Individual believers are also God's temple in that the Holy Spirit dwells in us. When we come together in worship the mystical body of Christ is coming together and God dwells with us in a special, more pronounced way, as His Spirit dwells in our midst (NIV). What effect does seeing the gathering of the church for worship in this way have on you?
6. In your own words, why is church special to you?
7. In v.17 Paul says, "If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you (again, you plural) are that temple." What is he referring to?
8. As Paul concludes this section he says, "All things are yours," and then gives a list that includes "the world, life, death, the present, and the future." Why does he say this, and what is the connection between this statement and the larger context of this section in which he's been talking about the church?
9. What practical application can you make from this text/sermon?
10. Pray!

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**Q.** 97. What special use is there of the moral law to the regenerate?

**A.** Although they that are regenerate, and believe in Christ, be delivered from the moral law as a covenant of works, so as thereby they are neither justified nor condemned: yet, beside the general uses thereof common to them with all men, it is of special use to show them how much they are bound to Christ for his fulfilling it, and enduring the curse thereof in their stead and for their good; and thereby to provoke them to more thankfulness, and to express the same in their greater care to conform themselves thereunto as the rule of their obedience.

Rom. 6:14; Rom. 7:4, 6; Gal. 4:4-5; Rom. 3:20; Gal. 5:23; Rom. 8:1; Rom. 7:24-25; Gal. 3:13-14; Rom. 8:3-4; Luke 1:68-69, 74-75; Col. 1:12-14; Rom. 7:22; Rom. 12:2; Titus 2:11-14.