

CURE FOR CARNALITY

I Cor. 3:5-17

*like pouring
cup of fresh
water into
ocean.*

INTRO: What would you say to correct the situation, to cure the church from its carnality? Vs. 9...God's Name comes first three times in this verse...**GOD'S WORKERS, GOD'S HUSBANDRY, GOD'S BUILDING.** All is of God, all belongs to God. **THEY HAD LOST VISION OF THE WHOLE**, obsessed with the partial and the personal. **LOST SIGHT OF THE PURPOSE OF GOD**, not that they might gather around personalities, parties, selfish ambition...but **A DWELLING PLACE FOR GOD THAT WOULD BRING HIM GLORY.**

CF. Chapter 6:19ff...

They thought the church was their private sandbox where they could play their games.

I. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY IN THE BUILDING.

1. The Glory belongs to God..v.7
2. The Growth comes from God v.7
3. The Grace (to build) comes from God. v.10

We build upon the foundation
Take heed how we build
Choose the materials carefully.

WOOD, HAY, STUBBLE. That which costs me nothing or little. Involves little sacrifice.

II. THERE WILL BE A RECKONING OF OUR BUILDING

1. Every man's work, separately, will be judged.
2. It shall be made clear what SORT, not SIZE, it is...the quality
3. It will be judged by fire.

III. THERE MUST BE A REVERENCE FOR GOD'S BUILDING.

1. Admit His Possession of Us
2. Acknowledge His presence within us.
3. Accept His purpose for us.

His place

*all their conduct
was regulated by the thought of His Presence*