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What God Has Saved Us to Become
1 Corinthians 3:1-17

According to the Apostle Paul, the Corinthian believers seemed to be living life only in light of the present, according to what they could see. They were wrapped up in the here and now, consumed with things of this earth. They seemed oblivious to the fact that in Christ they had entered a new age. Paul wanted to steer them away from this short-sighted tragedy and toward worthwhile, eternal values.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Are there any specifics you recall from the message that were interesting or helpful to you?
2. Paul makes three metaphorical references in this passage. Briefly, what are the three metaphors he uses?
 - a. 3:5-9 – we are co-laborers, farm hands
 - b. 3:10-15 – we are builders
 - c. 3:16-17 – we are God's temple
3. What is the main point Paul intends with each of the three metaphors?
4. Pastor John said the one thread running through the three metaphors, and the point of this passage is this ... All of us are called to live and to serve *in light of eternity*. What different statements in the passage make reference to this?
5. Read 2 Cor. 5:10.
 - a. How does this verse shed light on 1 Cor. 3:8-15?
 - b. What are examples of the things that will perish at the judgment?
6. How does the statement in 1 Cor. 4:5 relate to the above verses?
7. How can we apply these truths to our lives?