

# *Building and Being Built*

Our role in what God is doing

## What is God Doing?

# Building His Church

in the World . . . in our locality

## The Father's Key Plan for the Future

**Personally:** growing spiritually, maturing in Christ

**Corporately:** being built up together with others who are growing

### My response . . .

I wish I was being built in  
*(Feeling my way but not yet committed)*

I am being built in  
*(Definitely in, needing to grow)*

I am doing some building  
*(Not 'arrived' but helping others to grow)*


Two important passages:

1 Corinthians 3:9-17

*How to build*

Notes for 'Sub-Contractors'

Colossians 2:6-23

*How to be built*

Notes for 'Living Stones'

. . . but both with useful information for those who are neither!

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*How to Build  
1 Corinthians 3:9-17*

1. By the grace of God (v. 10).

Can not go it alone.  
Own Skills/abilities not enough  
God's enabling **needed**

2. Only one foundation (v. 10 & 11).

Carefully building on the foundation of Christ  
Each one with own life firmly based on new life in Jesus.

3. Using the right materials (v. 12-15)

Gold, silver, precious stones      **Resources provided by God**  
Created – cannot be manufactured!  
Found by costly searching & mining  
Fireproof and eternal

Wood, hay, straw/stubble      **Resources provided by man**  
Straw/stubble – waste product. Instantly available  
Hay – valuable crop. Takes a season to produce  
Wood – long-term crop. Costly to produce and valuable

**BUT – all consumed by fire** and ultimately temporary.  
May look good until then!

Yes, I want to build, but **HOW** ? ? ?

**An Example of Paul's Approach**

**Colossians 1:28-29**

Message - based  
Individually applied and taught  
Goal – personal maturity for each one  
Paul intimately involved

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*How to be Built  
Colossians 2:6-23*

## 1. In the same way you started (v. 6-7)

*Spiritual* growth (being not doing)

By revelation and faith

Roots going deeper in Jesus

Being built up (teaching helps!)

Overflowing with gratitude

## 2. Beware man-made religion! (v. 8-23)

Made a prisoner by deceptive 'cleverness' (v. 8)

Man-made traditions (v. 8)

The same way the world works (v. 8)

Condemned because you don't conform (v. 16-17)

Pushed into false humility (v. 18)

Trying to follow man-made rules (v. 20-21)

May look good but does NOT work (v. 23)

## 3. Joined to Jesus and getting all you need from him (v. 9-20)

Made full in Christ (v. 9-10)

A growing appreciation of what is **already yours** (v.9-15, 20)

Provision for growth made through the Body of Christ (v.19)

Which way shall we build and be built?

God's way or man's way?

Spiritual or 'Natural'?

Eternal or temporary?

