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A Note to Everyone in Christ (1 Corinthians 3:1-23)

Introduction: The Corinthians were steeped in philosophy, logic, and reason. Many of them had been engrained in sin before coming to Christ. (6:9-11) They were wrestling with problems that those who were spiritually mature could have worked through. It was a sad situation-especially when one considers all of the time Paul and other teachers spent with them. Chapter 3 is a collection of facts that the Corinthians and Christians today need to understand before we can grow up properly in Christ Jesus. Let's note some basic points made in the chapter.

- I. 3:1-4 -- Everyone in Christ is NOT on the same _____.
 - A. They had not gone very far in practicing of righteousness.
 1. Some more spiritual than others. Some only able to take milk.
 2. Not unusual -Heb. 5:11-14
 - B. We can be dull of hearing & not grow as we should.
 - C. Some warning signs: 3:3-4-jealousy; strife. Eph. 4:14-16-the cure
- II. 3:5-9 -- Everyone in Christ does NOT have the same _____.
 - A. All are servants; have work to do. Learn to work together w/everyone
 - B. Rom. 12:3-8-must learn to think w/sound judgment.
 1. 1 Cor. 3:8-each has his own reward for his own labor.
- III. 3:10-15 -- Everyone in Christ will have his work _____.
 - A. One day we will account for our actions!
 1. 1 Pet. 2:4-5 -ALL have different tasks-but _____ goal! (4:11)
 2. 3:13-YOUR work will be tested! HOW are YOU building?
 - B. Build strongly because trials will come-1 Pet. 4:11-12; Acts 20:28
 - C. 3:14-15-reward comes from effort-not from work itself.
- IV. 3:16-20 -- Everyone in Christ will be responsible for _____.
 - A. 3:17-the church is a temple that can be destroyed. Be careful!
 1. 3:3 -is an example of a congregation tearing itself apart!
 2. 3:18-20 -beware lest you convince yourself of your own _____!
 - B. 3:17 -God will destroy those who seek to divide!
 - C. YOU will be held responsible for HOW YOU work in the kingdom!
- V. 3:21-23 -- Everyone in Christ is part of _____ _____ in Christ.
 - A. 3:3-4 -put away strife; jealousy; division
 1. 3:18-19 -put away boasting in self. This = _____ _____!
 - B. God has put ALL things in order to work TOGETHER.
 1. Eph. 4:11-16; 23-24; 31-32

Answers:
Level, work, tested, one,
self, wisdom, everyone
else, self deceit.



Conclusion: Are you in Christ? Rom. 6:3-6