

Outline

A. Review from prior weeks

- a. Divisions in the church (“I am of Paul, I am of Apollos”)
- b. Exalt one member, you get cancer [illustration]
- c. Body of Christ exalts gifts too, not just people [story]
- d. Paul & Apollos are servants, God grows the church

B. Building the church through Unity and Service

- a. God grows and builds the church
 - i. God gives the increase (1 Cor 3)
 - ii. I will build my church (Matthew 16:18)
 - iii. Unless the Lord builds the house... (Psalm 127:1)
- b. How the God build the church? (Ephesians 4:11-16; 1 Peter 2)
- c. UNITY
 - i. The Lord commands his blessing on unity (Psalm 133:1)
 - ii. Walk in love & Pursue peace (Romans 14:15-19)
 - iii. Keep yourselves in the love of God (Jude 20)
 - iv. John 17
- d. SERVICE
 - i. Serve one another (Gal 5:13)
 - ii. Minister your gift as a good steward of God’s grace (1 Peter 4:10)
 - iii. EACH - about 15 times
 - iv. Sowing and reaping (Gal 6)
 - v. Rejoice in your own work (Gal 6)
 - vi. Do good to all, especially the household of faith (Gal 6:10)

C. Rewards at the Bema Seat of Christ [intro from Fink book]

- a. Not a salvation issue
 - i. Great white throne judgment (Rev 20) vs. Bema seat
 - ii. Saved by grace, not of works, not of ourselves
- b. Two passages from Corinthians + Romans 14:10
 - i. 1 Cor 3:10-15
 - ii. 2 Cor 5:7-10

- c. Gift vs. Reward. “Rewards” is a matter of God’s justice!
(Hebrews 6:10, 2 Timothy 4:8)
- d. Loss of eternal reward
 - i. Matthew 6:1
 - 1. Charitable deeds (v. 2)
 - 2. Praying (v. 5)
 - 3. Fasting (v. 16)
 - ii. What causes loss of reward? When we get reward NOW
 - 1. Self as source (John 15:5)
 - 2. Self as motive (Luke 12:13-21, rich fool)
- e. Gain of Reward
 - i. Matt 5:12 - reward when persecuted
 - ii. Mark 9:41 - reward for small things, like a cup of water
 - iii. Luke 6:35 - reward for loving enemies
 - iv. John 4:36 - reward for reaping harvest of souls
 - v. Hebrews 10:35 - our confidence has great reward
 - vi. Hebrews 11:6 - God rewards those who seek him
 - vii. Parable of talents - enter in to the joy of your Lord!
 - viii. What causes gain of reward?
 - 1. This is the work of God, that you believe (John 6:29)
 - 2. Whatever is from faith
 - 3. Knowing Christ is the ultimate reward (Phil 1:21,3:8)
- D. All Things are Yours - Dan will cover next week
 - a. We are nothing, but God who gives the increase
 - b. All things are yours - not for you, but for Christ (living a poured out life)
- E. Application / Big Takeaway
 - a. Take heed how you build
 - b. You choose how many rewards you get
 - c. Heavenly treasure vs earthly treasure (Mt 6:19-21, 33)
 - d. Living by faith gives us confidence at his appearing (2 Cor 5)
 - e. Look for the Lord’s appearing (2 Tim 4:8)
 - f. Unity in the body (Heb 6:10)
 - g. Abide in Him! (1 John 2:28)