



**PREACHING THE CROSS**  
**God's Remedy for a Troubled Church**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF LAKE ORION**

***Building an Enduring Work!***

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TEXT: 1 Cor 3:10-23

The Apostle Paul was the one who planted the church in Corinth, (Acts 18). He was their spiritual father because he led many of them to Christ, (4:14-15). In accordance to the grace given him, Paul was sent to skillfully and masterfully build on the foundation of Jesus Christ. He established this church proclaiming the right message, in the power of the Spirit, so that the Corinthian's faith would rest on the power of God alone. This power is demonstrated in the preaching of the cross. Hence, Paul gives us a window to the keys of an enduring work!

**I. THE RIGHT KIND OF MASTER BUILDER: *Paul*, 3:10, cf. 2:1-5.**

**A. Paul's Message:** *Jesus Christ and Him crucified*, 2:2.

**B. Paul's Means:** *in demonstration of the Spirit and of Power*, 2:4.

**C. Paul's Motives:** *the glory of God*, 1:31; 2:5.

**II. THE RIGHT KIND OF FOUNDATION: *Jesus Christ*, 3:11.**

The pursuit of other foundations that leave the true foundation of "Jesus Christ and Him crucified" is dangerous.

**A. False Foundations**

- 1. Worldly Philosophy and Psychology**
- 2. “Pop” Culture**
- 3. Organizational Strategies**
- 4. “Good Feelings” Messages**

**B. True Foundation— *Jesus Christ and Him Crucified***

**III. THE RIGHT KIND OF BUILDING WORK: *A Work that Endures*, 3:12-15.**

**A. Quality of the Building Material, 3:12.**

**B. The Reason for Our Building Concerns, 3:13-15.**

*Why should we be concerned on how we build?*

- 1. There is a day of judgment coming, 3:13.**
- 2. There is a fire that will expose our work, 3:13-15.**
- 3. There is a reward that will be given for the work that endures, 3:14.**

**IV. THE RIGHT KIND OF MINISTERS: *The Careful Bricklayer*, 3:12-17.**

**A. The Skillful Builder, 3:14.**

**B. The Unwise Builder, 3:15.**

**C. The Destructive Builder, 3:16-17.**

**V. APPLICATION, 3:18-23.**

**A. Become a “Fool” for Jesus, 3:18-20.**

**B. Stop Boasting in Man but Boast in Christ Alone, 3:21-23.**

**1. All things Belong to Us, 3:21-22.**

**2. We Belong to Christ, 3:23.**

**3. Christ Belongs to God, 3:23.**

POINT: God possesses all things! Christ, who is in God, also possesses all things. We, who are in Christ and belong to him, by extension possess all things. God is the ultimate reality and His wisdom is supreme. Outside of God, there lies nothing. Why then seek and debate about a wisdom or method *outside of God*, especially when Paul said that it will not eternally endure?