

HIS CHURCH

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

We must choose which level of Christian life we DESIRE!

THE CARNAL OR THE SPIRITUAL!

THAT CHOICE WILL DETERMINE THE COURSE OF OUR LIFE!

I. THE CHURCH IS A FAMILY AND OUR GOAL IS MATURITY **Corinthians 3:1-4**

A. This church is a family!

One of the primary goals of a family? **To grow children!**

A family is to help a child grow and take a productive place as an adult in society.

B. If we are not growing and becoming more like Christ with each passing year

1. Then there is either something wrong with the church we are in,

2. or there is something wrong with us! **It's that simple.**

C. We must choose which level of Christian life we desire.

1. God does not determine the course of our life! [He gave us a free will!]

2. Satan does not determine the course of our life! [He has no power over us!]

3. No other person can determine the course of our life! [Unless we allow them to!]

4. There is not any situation that can determine the course of our life!

[Unless we surrender control to it!]

THAT CHOICE WILL DETERMINE THE COURSE OF OUR LIFE!

II. THE CHURCH IS A FIELD AND OUR GOAL IS QUANTITY **1 Corinthians 3: 5-8**

A. We can never be content with where we are. **Matthew 28:18-20**

B. We must never forget that:

1. Bethlehem is not here as a club for those who are Christ-followers.

2. This church is a mission outpost!

3. And one of our primary responsibilities is to rescue people.

C. We must choose which level of Christian life we DESIRE!

That choice will determine the course of Bethlehem Baptist Church!

III. THE CHURCH IS A TEMPLE AND OUR GOAL IS QUALITY

We are to exercise excellence; in everything God has called us to do.

We must always put our best effort into everything we do.

We are co-laborer's with God! **1 Corinthians 3:9**

1. Have you ever thought about what that means?

2. Have you ever thought about the honor that has been given to you?

3. God in His infinite wisdom, decided to work with you and me!

God has decided to use us to accomplish His purposes!

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WE MUST CHOOSE WHICH LEVEL OF CHRISTIAN LIFE WE DESIRE—

OUR CHOICE DETERMINES OUR TOMORROW!