

# No Other Foundation

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**1 Corinthians 3:3** And I, brothers *and sisters*, could not speak to you as spiritual people, but *only* as fleshly, as to infants in Christ. **2** I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to consume it*. But even now you are not yet able, **3** for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like *ordinary* people? **4** For when one person says, “I am with Paul,” and another, “I *am* with Apollos,” are you not *ordinary* people?

**5** What then is Apollos? And what is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, even as the Lord gave *opportunity* to each one. **6** I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. **7** So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. **8** Now the one who plants and the one who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. **9** For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building. - NASB

# What is Our Spiritual Foundation

- **The Apostle Paul reveals ONE of the most important indicators of Spiritual Maturity**
  - People who have jealousy and strife in their hearts are not yet mature in their faith in Jesus Christ
  - WHY? They were followers of men and not followers of God!
- **Following personalities rather than being founded on Christ Jesus has been a weakness of the Western Church in the last 150 years**
  - It is not wrong to honor your spiritual leaders
  - It is not wrong to have affection and loyalty toward your spiritual leaders
    - **Hebrews 13:7** Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. **8** Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. - ESV
    - **Hebrews 13:17** Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. - ESV

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➤ **Paul puts things in perspective**

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**1 Corinthians 3:10** According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each person must be careful how he builds on it. **11** For no one can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. - **NASB**

➤ **What is our foundation at River of Life?**

- Our foundation needs to be Jesus Christ
- But I would also say we are built on the ***Word of God*** and the ***Leading of the Holy Spirit***
- **SPIRIT & TRUTH**

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**1 Corinthians 3:12** Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, or straw, **13** each one's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each one's work. **14** If anyone's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. **15** If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet *only* so as through fire.  
NASB

# Sword & Trowel – Nehemiah 4

**7** But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the people of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem's walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. **8** They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. **9** But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat.

**10** Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall." **11** Also our enemies said, "Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work." **12** Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, "Wherever you turn, they will attack us."

**13** Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. **14** After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

**15** When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to our own work. - NIV



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