

Activating Our Position in Christ

1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Playing Our Part in God's Grace Story!

Today's lesson/message I've titled, "Playing Our Part in God's Grace Story!"

Through the years I've been in many plays and dramas...

In High School I played in the school play ...

And then for about 20 years I was in plays at every church we were in ...

I learned a few things through those years...

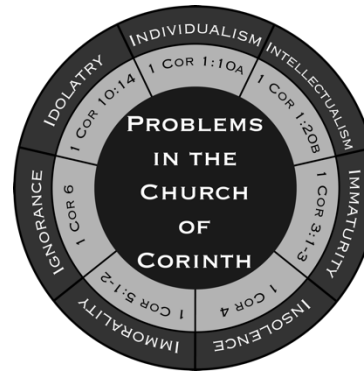
- I had to know my part!
- I had to not over act
- I had to not attempt to steal the show, but "stay in my lane"
- I had to know my que
- I had to perform my part!

Today we are going to look at what Paul shares from his perspective and attempt to learn some things about the importance of playing our part...

We began our study of First Corinthians by looking at the overall focus of the Letter...

We saw where there were several problems in the church that were causing serious issues...

→ **Pic 1 – Corinthian Problems**



ONE THING

Every BELIEVER has a part to PLAY in God's great DRAMA of grace!

1 Corinthians 3:5–9 (ESV) — What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

1. CORRECT your PERSPECTIVE

1 Corinthians 3:5 (ESV) — What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each.

1 Corinthians 3:7 (ESV) — So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.

Paul is attempting to correct the perspective of the church

1 Corinthians 1:12–13a (ESV) — What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” Is Christ divided?

We are all looking for heroes...

But seeing anyone but Jesus as your hero is a worldly perspective...

1 Corinthians 3:4 (ESV) — For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

Jesus is the HERO of God’s Grace Story!!!

Jesus is the centerpiece of God’s drama

We all have bit parts within this drama!

Let me help you gain a more Biblical perspective ...

You’re not that important!

Galatians 6:3 (NLT) — If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

Your life is not yours to live!

1 Corinthians 6:19b–20a (ESV) — ...You are not your own, for you were bought with a price...

You matter to God!

John 1:12 (ESV) — But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God

So keep a sober judgment about yourself!

Romans 12:3 (ESV) — For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

1. CORRECT your PERSPECTIVE!

2. KNOW your PLACE

1 Corinthians 3:6 (ESV) — I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.

NOTICE – Look at how verse 5 ends...

1 Corinthians 3:5 (ESV) — What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each.

1 Corinthians 12:14–20 (ESV) — For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be

the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

When I walk into any ministry situation, I know one certainty...

I'm not the Savior!

I also ask one question...

What is my place in this ministry situation?

1 Corinthians 12:27 (ESV) — Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

1. CORRECT your PERSPECTIVE!

2. KNOW your PLACE!

3. PLAY your PART

1 Corinthians 3:8–9 (ESV) — He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

1 Peter 4:10–11 (ESV) — As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that

God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Colossians 4:5–6 (NLT) — Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

Matthew 12:30 (ESV) — Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

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