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**Only God Knows**

1 Corinthians 3:10-23

**Key Truth:** Making permanent judgements about others is prideful and naïve.

1. Grace takes away the ability to boast about our spiritual

 accomplishments.

 A. All that we do is a gift from God and empowered by

 the Holy Spirit.

2. Our rewards come from God.

 A. We are all equally saved but we will not all be equally

 rewarded in heaven.

 B. Don’t be deceived by the now and the appearance of

 blessings.

 C. We will stand before God and be judged for our

 actions and motives with regards to our faithfulness

 on earth.

 D. There will be a time of rejoicing by some and sorrow

 for others.

 1. Not everyone will receive a crown.

 A. Crown of righteousness. **2 Timothy 4:6-8**

 B. Crown of life. **James 1:12/Revelation 2:10**

 C. Crown of glory. **1 Peter 5:4**

3. God’s temple is made up of believers.

 A. When we attack one another we are in essence

 attacking God’s temple.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Walk humbly with God, respect all people but praise belongs to God.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

This week we learned that the judgment will actually be a time of both reward and loss. The rewards we receive will be directly related to what we do here on earth – our actions and our motives.

Read: Hebrews 11:6, Colossians 3:23-25, Luke 6:32-36,

Matthew 5:11-12

How do these verses add, change or confirm your understanding of spiritual rewards and their pursuit?

Read Matthew 6:5-6: Why does Jesus reject the Pharisees public show of righteousness?

Have you ever stopped to think about how important it is for us to simply get along with those who cross our path? Colossians 3:1-17 gives us insight into how we are to treat each other.

Read the passage and make a list of behaviors and character traits that we are to “put to death” or get rid of.

Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-17: How would you define or describe the church? A body of baptized believers? A building where members assemble for worship and Bible study?

According to this passage, where does the Holy Spirit live?

In what sense are believers God’s temple? Why do you think Paul used the concept of temple here?