

Life in the Spirit: Being the Temple of the Holy Spirit

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Text: 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20

God's Dwelling in the Old Testament

- _____ is God's first temple (Ps. 78:69; Isa. 66:1-2).
- The Garden of Eden was God's first _____ (Gen. 2:8, 15; Num. 3:7-8; 1 Chron. 23:32; Ezek. 44:14).
- The tent and temple connect Israel to the garden sanctuary.

Messiah's Arrival Signals a Seismic Shift in God's Dwelling with Humanity

- Jesus' arrival signals _____ in the _____ of God.
- Jesus' arrival makes the _____ (Jn. 1:14; 2:19; 4:21).
- The believing community is God's new temple (Jn. 14:23; 20:22).

The Communal, Moral, and Missional Implications of Being God's Temple

- The communal implications of being God's temple (1 Cor. 3:16-17).
- The moral implications of being God's temple (1 Cor. 6:12-20).
- The missional implications of being God's temple (Eph. 2:19-22).

Life Enrichment

What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- Why do you think God is so insistent on dwelling among people?
- What was He trying to accomplish by placing His dwelling among us?
- How did Jesus' arrival signal a major change in the way God would dwell with people? How did Jesus communicate that to His followers? The masses? The religious leaders?
- What is the difference between respecting spiritual leaders and the problem Paul deals with in 1 Corinthians 3?
- How do American Christians participate in the Corinthian misunderstanding of spiritual leadership? How might that cause division within the church?
- What is a balanced view of Christian leadership (1 Cor. 3:5-9)?
- What is Paul warning Christian leaders about in 1 Corinthians 3:10-15?
- Looking at 1 Corinthians 6:12-20, why is moral purity vital to Christian living?
- How might believing that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit help motivate moral living?