

New Song Fellowship Church

Being and Making Disciples

No More Boasting

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1 Cor 3:16 Don't you know that you your selves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? 17 If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.

Titus 3:4 But--When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love, 3:5 he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. 6 He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior.

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1Co 3:3 You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?

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1 Cor 3:18 Do not deceive your selves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become "fools" so that you may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God's sight. As it is written: "He catches the wise in their craftiness"; 20 and again, "The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile."

1 Cor 3:21 So then, no more boasting about human leaders! All things are yours, 22 whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future--all are yours, 23 and you are of Christ, and Christ is of God.

Joh 10:10b "... I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full".

Joh 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and who ever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

(NLT) Psa 118:24 This is the day the LORD has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

(NLT) Eph 1:13 And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. 14 The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

1 Cor 4:1 This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed.

1 Cor 4: 2 Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

1 Cor 4:3 I care very little if I am judged by you or by any human court; indeed, I do not even judge myself. 4 My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

1 Cor 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God.

1 Cor 4:6 Now, brothers and sisters, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, "Do not go beyond what is written." Then you will not be puffed up in being a follower of one of us over against the other.

1 Cor 4:7 For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not? 8 Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! You have been given to reign--and that without us! How I wish that you really had been given to reign so that we also might reign with you!

Gen 1:27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Psa 139:13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. 14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. 16 Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Col 2:6 So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, 7 rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Weekly Reflection

Take a few moments this week to sit with these questions.

1. What are you tempted to boast about--in your achievements, your leadership, your spiritual maturity, or your comparisons to others? How might this sermon invitation to "stop boasting" be an act of freedom rather than loss?
2. Pastor Dean reminds us that we are God's temple, purchased not by our righteousness but by God's mercy alone. When you face feelings of inadequacy or pride, how can you return to this truth--that your identity is already complete in Christ?
3. The Corinthians were "puffed up" by following different human leaders. Where in your own life do you find yourself drawn to human approval or comparison? What would it look like to "receive your praise from God" instead?