

SERMON SERIES: **HOME IMPROVEMENT**

TODAY'S MESSAGE: **A House for The Lord 3**

TEXTS: **1 Corinthians 3:9-17; Ephesians 4:11-16**

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**MESSAGE INTRODUCTION:** *We have been learning about the Lord's House so we can take aim at some "home improvements." We explored 2 Samuel 7 where David's plans to build a house for God were overruled by God's eternal plan to build a house for David, a plan that includes all true followers of Jesus today!*

**REVIEW: A HOUSE FOR THE LORD, NOW (Ephesians 2:19-22)**

1. We are **BUILT IN** to this House (Eph 2:19; 1 Pet 2:4-6), which is God's **FAMILY**, to which we all **BELONG!**
  2. We are **BUILT ON** the One Foundation (Eph 2:20; 1 Cor 3:11; 2 Tim 2:19; Eph 4:4-6; Mat 7:24-27; 15:13-14)
  3. We are **BUILT TOGETHER** to **BE** together! (Eph 2:21; Acts 2:44; 5:12b; Heb 10:24-25)
  4. We are also **BUILT TOGETHER** to be "a dwelling place for God by the Spirit" (2:21-22; 1 Pet 2:4-6)
    - a) So, church, we **ARE** His House (2 Cor 6:16; Heb 3:6),
    - b) and a **HOME** for God to live in (John 14:23; 2 Cor 6:16-17),
    - c) until Jesus **RETURNS** and takes us all **HOME** to His House! (John 14:2-3)
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5. In the meantime, we are here to build \_\_\_\_\_ His House (**Ephesians 4:11-16**)

*Every leader and member is called to \_\_\_\_\_, to do his/her \_\_\_\_\_ in this \_\_\_\_\_ process.*

6. From **1 Corinthians 3:9-17**, we learn more about the Lord's House ...
  - a) *While we are God's build \_\_\_\_\_, we are also God's build \_\_\_\_\_ (3:9-12)*
  - b) *We have to build in the right \_\_\_\_\_ (3:11; Eph 2:20; Mat 7:24-27; Luke 6:46-49)*
  - c) *We have to build with the right \_\_\_\_\_ (3:12-15)*
    - *\_\_\_\_\_ materials that survive the test of \_\_\_\_\_ and the test of \_\_\_\_\_ (Mat 7:21-27; Luke 6:46-49; John 15:16)*
    - *Doing His \_\_\_\_\_ and His works, in His \_\_\_\_\_, for His \_\_\_\_\_, and in \_\_\_\_\_! (1 Cor 16:14; 13:1-3,8; John 15:16; Rev 14:13; 1 Cor 15:58)*
  - d) *And, all we do must be \_\_\_\_\_structive, not \_\_\_\_\_structive! (3:16-17; Luke 11:23; Prov 18:9)*

**THREE "YOU" QUESTIONS:**

- Are you His WORK \_\_\_\_\_? (Eph 2:8-10)
- Are you His WORK \_\_\_\_\_? (2 Tim 2:15)
- Are you WORK \_\_\_\_\_? (Isa 64:8; Rom 8:29; 12:2)