Unless The Lord Builds The House

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"Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. ..." Psalm 127:1, ESV

"... You are God's building. According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" ~ 1 Corinthians 3:9–11.

"If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, **that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ**, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen" ~ **1 Peter 4:11**.

The church is God's house. Jesus Christ is the Foundation. The apostles laid the foundation by carefully teaching through the Holy Spirit "all truth" (John 16:13). Gospel preachers are "ministers through whom you believed" (1 Corinthians 3:5), but "God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6). Be careful how you build upon it — not by man's wisdom, might, genius or power — but by the Holy Word of God, convicting and converting those who are lost in sin. Having been saved properly, they are added by the Lord to His house (Acts 2:47). Man's futile efforts by man's wisdom and devising will come to nothing.

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