

WELCOME TO THE MOB!

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (ESV)

Announcements

- **MOB Website & Resources: www.ibcmob.net**
- **Oct 26 – Fall Fest Outreach Event**
- **Nov 2 – IBC 60th Anniversary Concert**
- **Nov 8-9 - “Expectations for a Great Marriage Conference”**
 - <https://immanuelbible.church/connect/adults-continued/marriage/>
- **Dec 13-15 – Christmas Concerts**

Please Rise

- **Invocation/Prayer**
- **Song:**

The Solid Rock

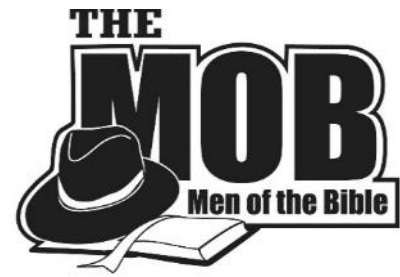
The Solid Rock

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My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

The Solid Rock

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On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

The Solid Rock

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When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

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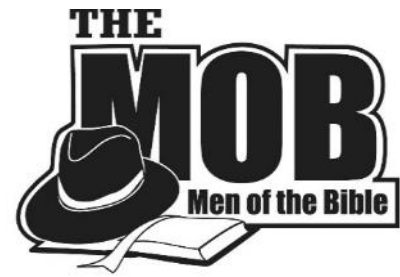
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His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

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On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

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When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

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Memory Verse

1 Cor 3:11 (ESV)

For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

Our 1 Corinthians Study

Last Week

- 1 Cor 2:1-16
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 2:12
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2022 Ed.*, pp. 41-56; *MacArthur*, pp. 54-65
- Refreshment Host: Group E

Tonight

- 1 Cor 3:1-15
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 3:11
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2024 Ed.*, pp. 56-68; *MacArthur*, pp. 67-86
- Refreshment Host: Group F

1 Corinthians Outline

	1:1		4:21		5:1		6:20				7:1		16:4							
Divisions	Report of Divisions		Reason for Divisions		Incest		Litigation Between Believers		Sexual Immorality		Counsel Concerning: Marriage		Counsel Concerning: Things offered to idols		Counsel Concerning: Public Worship		Counsel Concerning: Resurrection		Counsel Concerning: Collection for Jerusalem	
	1:1	1:17	1:18	4:21	5:1	5:13	6:1	6:11	6:12	6:20	7:1	7:40	8:1	11:1	11:2	14:40	15:1	15:50	16:1	16:24
Topics	Divisions in the Church				Disorder in the Church						Difficulties in the Church									
	Concern				Condemnation						Counsel									
Place	Written in Ephesus																			
Time	circa A.D. 56																			

You are Here!

Introduction

Wisdom of Man vs Wisdom from God
Natural vs Spiritual; Wisdom from the Spirit

Infants

Mature



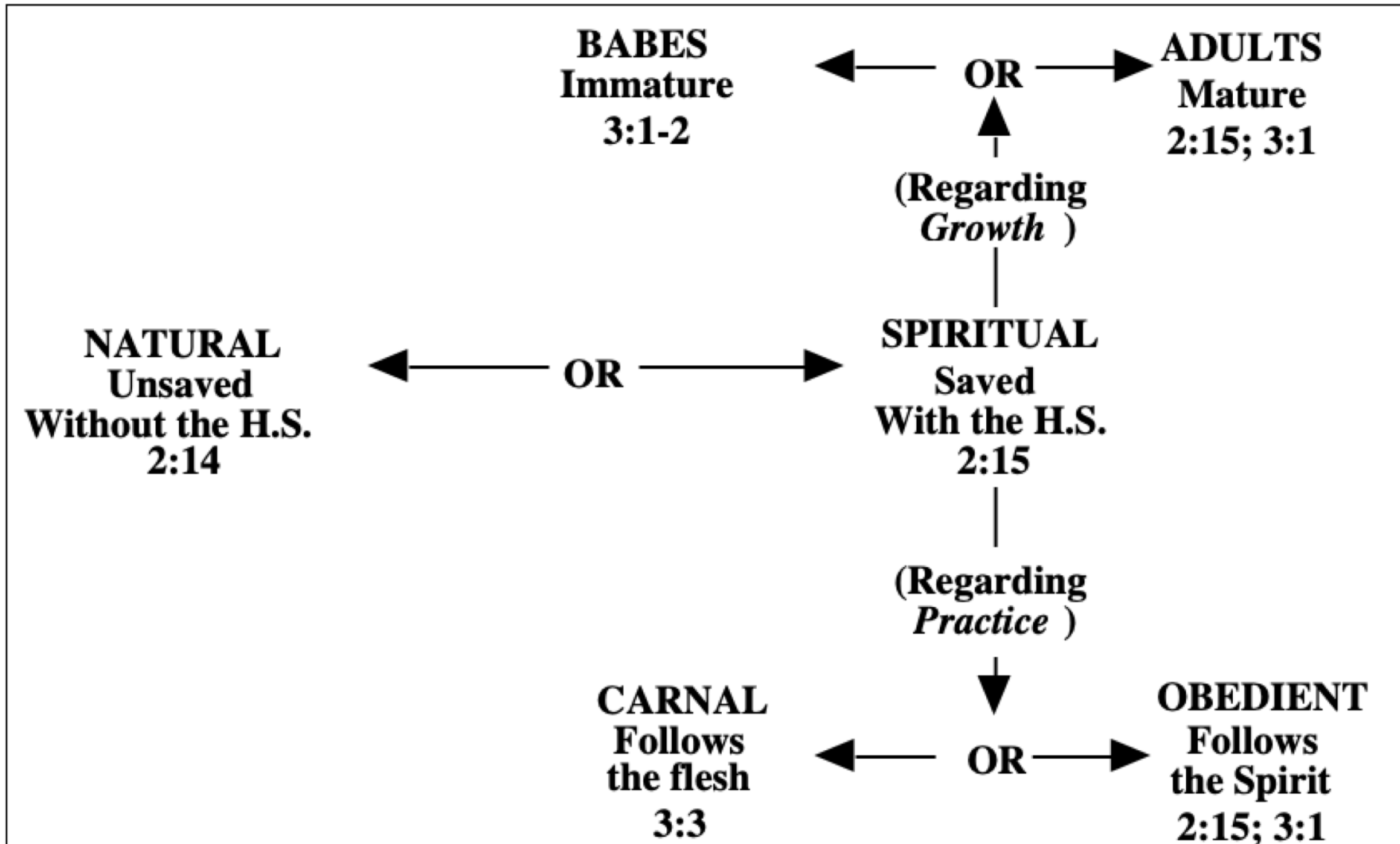
The ONLY foundation Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 3:1-4 (ESV)

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?

- “brothers”, “sanctified in Christ Jesus” ...yet “still of the flesh”
- Evidence of the flesh – jealousy, strife, quarreling (1:11)

Natural, Spiritual, Maturity



God the Holy Spirit

At the moment of salvation the Holy Spirit comes to live within every believer forever ([John 14:16](#); [Romans 8:9](#); [1 Corinthians 12:13](#); [Ephesians 1:13-14](#); [Eph 4:30](#)). He fills believers with His power ([Acts 1:8](#); [Ephesians 3:16](#)), enables them to live in obedience to the will of God ([Galatians 5:16-26](#)),

Galatians 5:13-18, 24-25

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶But I say, **walk by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not under the law. [works of the flesh vs fruit of the Spirit] ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we **live by the Spirit**, let us also **keep in step with the Spirit**.

Immaturity and Carnality

Constable's notes (pg 60): “This section of verses makes it very clear that it is possible for genuine Christians to behave like, and to appear to be, unbelievers (cf. Matt. 13:24- 30, 36-43). The Corinthians' conduct indicated both their immaturity and their carnality, not their lack of eternal life. Prolonged immaturity as a result of carnality is a condition that is all too common in modern Christianity. *[This is a sad and unfortunate commentary.]* Often we mistake carnal Christians for "natural" people: unbelievers. Consequently, we should not pass judgment on a person's salvation on the basis of their conduct.”

However...

1 Corinthians 3:5-9 (ESV)

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

- Paul, Apollos, Cephas – We're on the same team! There should be no division!
- Partisanship is a manifestation of merely human wisdom. ... However, this attitude is totally inappropriate when it comes to evaluating the servants of Christ. It is completely contrary to the mind of Christ, who Himself stooped to raise others. - Constable, pg 59

1 Corinthians 3:10-11 (ESV)

¹⁰According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. ¹¹For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

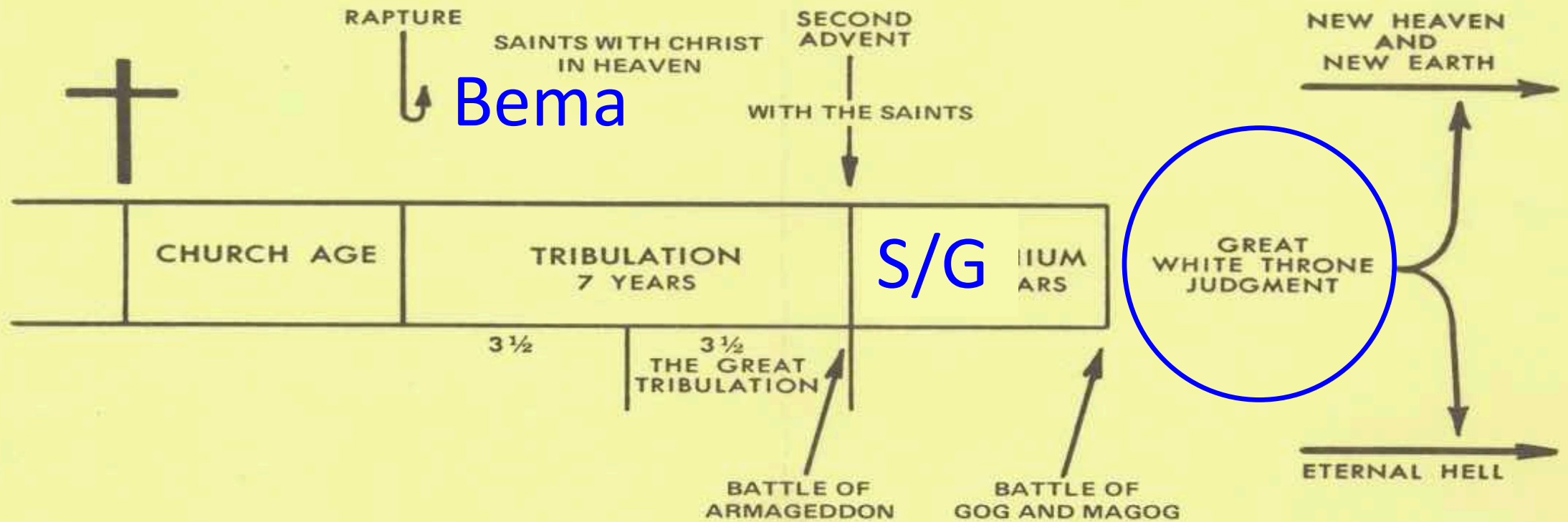
- Romans 15:17-18 In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God. For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed
- “... Paul is discussing the building of the local church, the temple of God.” – Wiersbe
- In all things in the church, the centrality of Christ must be maintained.

1 Corinthians 3:12-15 (ESV)

¹²Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— ¹³each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. ¹⁴If the work that anyone has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire.

- MacArthur draws out a broader application for these verses
- "the day": When believers, forgiven of all their sin by the blood of Christ, will stand before God. 2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.
- Rewards?

FUTURE TIMELINE



Pursuing Maturity

Maturity: Time...perseverance...faithfulness...wisdom – all granted by God and the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives

Call to Action

2 Peter 3:17-18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Pursuing Maturity

How

2 Peter 1:5-8 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, **make every effort** to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are **yours and are increasing**, they keep you from **being ineffective or unfruitful** in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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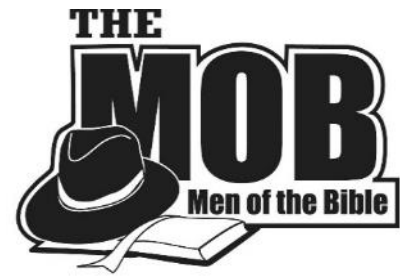
Hebrews 5:12–14 (ESV)

¹²For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food, ¹³for everyone who lives on milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, since he is a child. ¹⁴But solid food is for the **mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.**

Trained through: God's Word (personal reading and solid teaching), God's Spirit, and God's people.

Discussion & Application

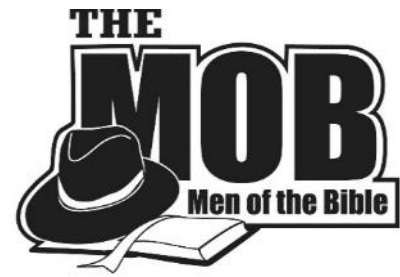
Lowell's Questions
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- How does the apostle Paul address, and describe, believers in the church of Corinth?
- What was the evidence to Paul that the believers were “saved,” but “still in the flesh”?
- How did the immaturity of believers influence Paul’s approach to ministering to them, and affect their ability to grow and become mature?
- Why is it unbiblical to call a “carnal believer” an “unbeliever”?
- What’s the role of pastors and teachers in bringing about the growth of immature believers?

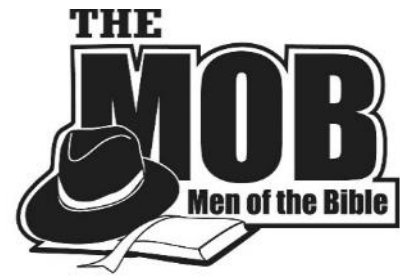
Discussion & Application

Lowell's Questions
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- How does Paul use the analogy of a building (with a foundation!) to describe the church?
- What's Paul's point about "building on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, and straw"?
- When and how will "each man's work" work be judged—and why "with fire"?
- What, if anything, is wrong for one to be motivated to serve the Lord in building the church, and engaging in other service, in order to "receive a reward"?
- What speaks to you most about this passage?

Next Meeting 10/15



Review

- 1 Cor 3:1-15
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 3:11
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2024 Ed.*, pp. 56-68; *MacArthur*, pp. 67-86
- Refreshment Host: Group F

Next Week

- 1 Cor 3:16-23
- Memory Verse: 1 Cor 3:19-20
- *Dr. Constable's Notes, 2024 Ed.*, pp. 69-72; *MacArthur*, pp. 84-93
- Refreshment Host: Group G

Closing

- **Benediction**
- **Small Groups**

