

## Scripture Reflection

*You are invited to reflect on the following Scripture passages.*

*Questions to consider:*

1. *What does this passage say?*
2. *What does it mean (to all people)?*
3. *What does it mean to me?*

### **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

<sup>10</sup> Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup> For it has been made clear to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." <sup>13</sup> Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God<sup>[d]</sup> that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. <sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

### **1 Corinthians 3:1-17**

**3** And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people but rather as fleshly, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup> I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup> for you are still fleshly. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling<sup>[a]</sup> among you, are you not fleshly and behaving according to human inclinations? <sup>4</sup> For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not all too human?

<sup>5</sup> What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup> So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup> The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's coworkers, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Let each builder choose with care how to build on it. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— <sup>13</sup> the work of each builder will become visible, for the day<sup>[b]</sup> will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. <sup>14</sup> If the work that someone has built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a wage. <sup>15</sup> If the work is burned up, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire. <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>17</sup> If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.

*Prayer: Almighty and loving God, we thank you for the gift of your Word. We pray now for the grace to believe what we have heard, and to live in ways that honor you above all. Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.*