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### **The Dedication**

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*The Letter of 1 Corinthians*

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## *The Story of The Presence*

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(1 Corinthians 3:16)

### ⇒ The Garden

So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.  
(Genesis 3:23)

### ⇒ The Tabernacle

Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. (Exodus 25:8)

Then Moses set up the courtyard around the tabernacle and altar and put up the curtain at the entrance to the courtyard. And so Moses finished the work. Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

In all the travels of the Israelites, whenever the cloud lifted from above the tabernacle, they would set out; but if the cloud did not lift, they did not set out—until the day it lifted. So the cloud of the LORD was over the tabernacle by day, and fire was in the cloud by night, in the sight of all the Israelites during all their travels. (Exodus 40:33-38)

### ⇒ The Temple

The temple of the LORD was filled with the cloud, and the priests could not perform their service because of the cloud, for the glory of the LORD filled the temple of God. (2 Chronicles 5:13-14)

### ⇒ Jesus: The New Tabernacle & New Temple

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days. (John 2:19)

### ⇒ The Church: The Temple Of The Holy Spirit

Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? (1 Corinthians 6:19)

## ⇒ The New City: The Ultimate Temple

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away . . . I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”  
(Revelation 21:1-4)

I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.  
(Revelation 21:22)

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### *Three Key Questions*

1) \_\_\_\_\_ You . . . \_\_\_\_\_ You \_\_\_\_\_?

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If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. (Romans 8:9)

2) \_\_\_\_\_ You . . . \_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_?

3) \_\_\_\_\_ You . . . \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ The \_\_\_\_\_?

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.  
(1 Corinthians 2:14)

What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.  
(1 Corinthians 2:12)

Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ.  
(1 Corinthians 3:1)

Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become “fools” so that you may become wise.  
(1 Corinthians 3:18)