



1 Corinthians 3 and 4

-This is a letter written by Paul to address issues in the Corinthian church

-What was last week's issue?

-unity

-What is this week's issue?

-maturity

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

-their jealousy and strife showed that were still baby Christians

-when we accept Jesus as our savior we all start as baby Christians, no matter how old we are

-the issue here was that they had been Christians for awhile but not really grown

*it's alright to get help tying your shoe when you're 2 but not when you're 14

*if you have been a Christian for awhile have you seen growth

Why is growth important?

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

-building our life is like building a house

-a house needs a good foundation

-Jesus is the only truly solid foundation

-we then need to build on the foundation

-you can build a house with lots of different materials but some are better than others

*it's all good until something like the Johnstown Flood happens

-we can build our life out of many different things (sports, entertainment, money, popularity, good deeds, the Bible, prayer, knowing God)

-each day we're making choices and building a little more

-until one day we stand before Jesus and he tests what we have made

-if we have made our life out of good stuff, it will last and we'll get a reward

-if we've made our life out of poor stuff, it will be gone and be of no value

-either way if we have Jesus as our foundation we go to heaven, but are we doing things that will matter there

*what kind of life are you building? It is a life that will matter in eternity

-How do you know what materials will last?

1 Corinthians 3:18-19

-we need to make sure we are listening to Godly wisdom

*are you growing and are you building a life that will last for more than just your time on earth?