

Purified in Fire

DISSENTION, DIVISION, AND PURGATORY

1 Corinthians 3-5 | 31 August 2016

PASSAGES OF PARTICULAR NOTE

1. 1 Corinthians 3:9 - "For we are God's fellow workers [sunergoi]"

1.1. Greek: sun (with) + ergos (worker)

Notes

1.2. What does it mean for us to work together with God?

2. 1 Cor 3:11-15 - "For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire."

2.1. Where's Purgatory in the Bible? It's right here.

3. 1 Cor 3:16-17 - "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are."

3.1. Right below the passage about Purgatory, is this allusion to Hell.

4. 1 Cor 4:4-5 - "I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then every man will receive his commendation from God."

For Prayer

4.1. I can't judge my soul, have assurance of my salvation because Jesus is the judge, not me.

4.2. "It must not be said that sins are forgiven or have been forgiven to anyone who boasts of the confidence and certainty that his sins are forgiven and who rests on that alone; for this confidence, vain and foreign to all piety, may exist among heretics and schismatics...For just as no devout man should doubt God's mercy, Christ's merit, and the power and efficacy of the sacraments; so also whoever considers himself, his personal weakness, and his lack of disposition may fear and tremble about his own grace, since no one can know with a certitude of faith that cannot be subject to error that he has obtained God's grace" (Council of Trent, Sesson VI: *Decree on Justification*, Chapter 9).

5. 1 Cor 4:7 - "What have you that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift?"