

Bereans Bible Institute
Module VIII – The Christian Assembly
Lesson 04 – The Temple of God

- I. The “Body of Christ” was the “Temple for God” while Jesus was here (Jn. 2:14-22)
- A. John 15:10; 2 Cor. 5:19; Col. 2:9 “God was in Christ”
- II. The local assembly – the local ‘Body of Christ’ – is where God desires to dwell.
- A. Eph. 2:17-22 God is building a “Temple” to dwell in through His ‘Breath.’ An individual Christian is not a ‘Temple’ of God’s holy Breath, but rather the local assembly.
 - B. 1 Cor. 6:15-19
 - 1. vs. 15 “your bodies [plural] are members of Christ” – the plural ‘bodies’ indicates the individual physical bodies of the members
 - 2. vs. 19 “your body [singular] is the Temple of God” – the singular ‘body’ indicates the assembly (body of Christ). The assembly is the ‘Temple’ of God, not the individual.
 - C. 2 Cor. 6:14-18; Pollution of God’s Temple compared to defilement of the OT Temple (Lev. 26:11-12)
 - 1. Defiling God’s Temple results in two possibilities:
 - a. God judges harshly (1 Cor. 3:16-17)
 - b. God abandons His Temple – Ezekiel 8:1-18 & 9:1-7 (cf. Rev. 7)
 - c. We are sealed by the ‘Spirit/Breath’ that resides in the Temple – Assembly (Eph. 1:13-14)