

Second Hand Preacher
Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
November 9, 2014
1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17

“Brothers and sisters: You are God’s building”

These words start today’s second reading showing our connection to God. We are special to him and we belong to him. Our building has to have a foundation. For Christians that foundation needs to be Jesus Christ. Our relationship with Jesus is so very important as He is the Way the Truth and the Life. Making sure we are connected to the foundation falls on us as well. Like in any relationship, we must be invested in our relationship with Jesus Christ.

We are not just an ordinary building. St. Paul reveals in his letter to the Christians in Corinth that, “you are the temple of God.” So not only do we belong to God, we have been named as a place of worship and a place of sacrifice. Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us and we in turn must sacrifice for him as well. We must take the actions of love without always focusing on ourselves. We are a temple that is holy made in the image and likeness of God. That holiness means we are made whole by our relationship with Jesus. With the Temple being a place of both worship and sacrifice we must worship in humility an omnipotent triune God who was made human in Jesus. Worship of this incredible God needs to always take place in the temple. Since sacrifice must also appear we must take up our cross and follow Jesus in all of our hardships. When we follow him we are washed clean by the blood of the Lamb. Sacrifice and worship make us true temples of a God that has infinite love for us.