

God Gives the Increase

1 Corinthians 3:5-8

(series #11)

Intro: the issue of divisions addressed in 1:10-4:21

I. The Teaching About Paul and Apollos vv. 5-6

- A. They were servants v. 5
- B. They were a planter and water boy v. 6
- C. But the Corinthians' salvation was from God
 1. Ephesians 1:4 - God chose you
 2. Ephesians 1:5 - God predestined you
 3. Romans 8:30 - God called you
 4. John 16:8 - God enlightened you
 5. John 6:44 - God drew you
 6. Acts 11:18 - God granted repentance
 7. Ephesians 2:8 - God granted faith

II. The Principles from the Teaching vv. 7-8

- A. Only God can cause growth v. 7
 1. Verse 5 - "as the Lord gave to each one"
 2. Verse 6 - "God gave the increase"
 3. Verse 7 - "God gives the increase"
- B. God uses and rewards His servants v. 8

Conclusion: The graciousness of our God is seen in that He gives us salvation, though we are undeserving, and He even goes beyond that by rewarding us for serving Him!