

All Things Are Yours
(1 Cor.3:21-23)

***'Therefore let no one boast in men.
For all things are yours...'***

(1 Cor.3:21)

- ✓ **The Corinthians boasted in their favourite leaders**
- ✓ **E.g. They pulled down Paul to lift up Apollos. In doing so they were lifting up themselves**
- ✓ **This caused division in the church**
- ✓ **Their leaders did not encourage this**
- ✓ **Their boasting implied they had more of Christ than others**

- ✓ **Paul replied, 'All things are yours. You don't have to choose'**
- ✓ **Ministries belong to the people, not vice versa. You are not there for the sake of them, but they for the sake of you**

***'For we do not preach ourselves,
but Christ Jesus the Lord,
and ourselves your bondservants
for Jesus' sake'***

(2 Cor.4:5)

***'Therefore I endure all things for
the sake of the elect, that they also
may obtain the salvation which is in
Christ Jesus with eternal glory'***

(2 Tim.2.10)

'For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labour; yet what I choose I cannot tell. For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. Nevertheless to remain in the flesh is more needful for you'
(Phil. 1:21-24)

'For all things are yours: whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or things present or things to come—all are yours'

(1 Cor.3:21-22)

Not only are all ministries ours but the things of the world are ours also

Also life and death are ours both the pleasant and the unpleasant

'And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us'

(Rom.5:3-5)

***'For our light affliction, which is but
for a moment, is working for us a
far more exceeding and eternal
weight of glory'
(2 Cor. 4: 17)***

Death also is ours to embrace when the time comes

- ✓ **The sting of death is sin. But Christ died for our sins and removed the sting. Death has no more venom**
- ✓ **We will shed the old worn out rags of our body and given a new body**
- ✓ **And death will be the gate to glory and everlasting happiness**

**Also, things present and things to
come are ours**

**In this present world God will make
all things work together for good for
those who love God...they are ours**

It is a time of seed sowing

**Things to come are ours. Indeed,
the best is to come**

***'If in this life only we have hope in
Christ, we are of all men the most
pitiable'
(1 Cor.15:19)***

**In the life to come we will reap a
glorious harvest**

**. *'Then I heard a voice from heaven
saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the
dead who die in the Lord from now on.'"***
***"Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may
rest from their labors, and their works
follow them"***

(Rev.14:13)

Summary:

All Christians possess all things

*'And you are Christ's, and
Christ is God's'
(1 Cor.3:23)*

**The reason why all things are yours
is because you are Christ's**

**All of God's purposes for time and
eternity and for heaven and earth,
center on Him**

***'...having made known to us the mystery
of His will, according to His good
pleasure which He purposed in
Himself, that in the dispensation of the
fullness of the times He might gather
together in one all things in Christ, both
which are in heaven and which are on
earth – in Him'
(Eph.1:9-10)***

***'For all the promises of God in
Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the
glory of God through us'
(2 Cor.1:20)***

***God 'has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds'
(Heb.1:2)***

'For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren'

(Heb.2:10-11)

***'The Spirit Himself bears witness with
our spirit that we are children of
God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of
God and joint heirs with Christ'
(Rom.8:16-17)***

And Christ is God's

'...your life is hidden with Christ in God'
(Col.3:3)