

I Cor. III. 21\_23\_ Some of the Jewish people gloried in Moses to such an extent as to despise and reject the Messiah and Savior of the world\_ And we find from the text and preceeding [sic] part of the Chapter, that the the[sic] Church at Corinth had begun to glory in their ministers to such a degree as to dishonor their profession, and grieve the Spirit of God. For says, the Apostle, while one saith, I am of Paul, and another, I am of Apollos, are ye not carnal, for whereas there is among you envying and strive and divisions, are ye not carnal and walk as men? Therefore let no man glory in men, for all things are yours, whether Paul, Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life or death, or things present, or things to come, all are your's [sic], and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

We shall invert the order of the text and begin at the conclusion.

I. In the first place, our attention is directed to the great fact asserted by the Apostle, that Christ is God's. This phrase must be understood with some qualification or we shall fall in great error in regard to the true character of Christ. Some have confounded his humanity with his divinity and held the dangerous doctrine that Jesus Christ was a Being of inferior rank to the Father. But the scriptures teach the doctrine that before the incarnation of Christ, he had existed from all eternity, as the eternal Son of God and that apart from his humanity, he is equal with the Father in existence, in essence, and in attributes—By the Psalmist he is expressly called by the name of God\_ \_ \_

The Apostle Paul, in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ch. Collosians [sic] says that Jesus Christ is the Creator of all things & C\_ \_ \_

Grace, mercy, and peace are frequently implored of Jesus X in the New T. in connection with the Father and the Holy Spirit & C

But when Christ assumed the nature of man he performed mere offices & C,\_ \_ \_

In this new character, Jesus Christ is Gods, anointed by God, and commissioned by him to sustain the office of Mediator [insert next words above scratched out ones] to sinful man ~~between God and Man~~ – When Christ entered upon the work of man's redemption, his divinity and humanity were mysteriously conjoined in his person, in order to qualify him for duties of his mediational work [no period] As a perfect man, he rendered obedience to the [?????] law of God & C.

II. We shall notice in the next place, the second great fact asserted by St. Paul—that all Christian believers are Christ's—We belong to him by the right of Creation—or the score of purchase—on the ground of regeneration and adoption.

III. We shall notice last, the third great fact stated in the text—that all things belong to Christian  
1. ministers-2. The world-3. Life-4. Death-5. Things present and future.