

“All are yours, and ye are Christ’s; and Christ is God’s” (1 Cor. 3:22-23).

Christians are the wealthiest people in the world. As Christians look up, down, and all around, everything they see is theirs. In this passage of Scripture, Paul began to enumerate the Christian’s possessions. He referred to messengers that deliver the truth: the “world” and all its riches and beauty; “death,” the key that unlocks the door to the Christian’s eternal reward; “things present,” which would include such things as homes, families, friends, and businesses; and “things to come,” which would include blessings and curses. These gifts are piled high before believers’ eyes and serve as a subject for today.

First, consider the fact that Christians do have these treasures. But they are not merely the result of one’s own efforts but are gifts from God.

Second, consider what Christians have in these treasures. We have power, especially to evangelize the world. To utilize this power, we must take our stand for righteousness. We must be busy proclaiming the Gospel.

Third, consider the use of these talents. Giving. Love is the basis of all giving. When we love, we give. When we do not love, we find excuses. Giving is an act of worship. Worship has been defined as self-giving to God.

Paul said that all these things are yours. Because of the bountiful way the Lord gives to us and because of the rich benefits we receive from giving, we should follow God’s plan for giving.

Thanks be to God!