

## Committed to His church

1 Corinthians 3:18-4:5, p. 925

### I. **PRIVILEGED: CHRIST IS COMMITTED TO HIS CHURCH BY BLESSING US FOREVER (1 CORINTHIANS 3:18-23).**

- A. Anyone claiming to be wise but distracting the church from the gospel will be exposed as foolish (3:18-20).
- B. Christ has blessed His church with all things (3:21-23).
  - 1. He gave the church all its leaders: Followers don't belong to leaders; spiritual leaders belong to the church (21-22a).
  - 2. He gave the church all things: We have confidence about everything because we belong to Christ forever (3:22b-23).

### II. **REWARDED: WE MUST BE COMMITTED TO CHRIST'S CHURCH BY SERVING FAITHFULLY (1 CORINTHIANS 4:1-5).**

- A. Accountable: Paul was entrusted by God with the gospel, so only God's evaluation mattered (4:1-4).
  - 1. We must be faithful with the ministry Christ gives us (4:1-2).
  - 2. We can ignore criticism if Christ is pleased (4:3-4).
- B. Rewarded: When Christ returns God will reward us by praising us based on our motives for serving Him (4:5).