

IF I WERE A RICH MAN 1 Corinthians 3:21-23

The Apostle Paul often speaks of the fact that believers possess the immeasurable _____ of Christ Paul counters the cliques in Corinth by asking why they boast in 1 preacher when _____ things are theirs We are to boast in nothing except Jesus Christ and this passage lists our reasons to _____ in Christ

I. THE INVENTORY OF OUR SPIRITUAL RICHES 3:21-22

A. Faithful _____ and Teachers of God's Word

- 1) Paul pokes the Corinthians, asking why they would limit themselves to just _____ faithful man of God
- 2) The only criterion that should limit the preachers we listen to is whether they rightly divide the _____
- 3) Thru technology we have access to thousands of preachers & hundreds of thousands of _____

B. The _____

- 1) It is easy to dismiss this item as hyperbole, but who owns the world? This is my _____ world
- 2) According to Hebrews 1:2, God the Father has appointed His _____ to be heir of all things
- 3) We are _____ with Christ; the world is ours but we will not inherit it until Christ returns

C. _____

- 1) Paul speaks of _____ life and 1 John 5:12 claims, "He who has the Son HAS life" already
- 2) Jesus promises us _____ life, if we are willing to live our lives for Him, give our lives for Him

D. _____ : How does Christ transfigure death into gain? (Philippians 1:21)

- 1) Beyond death lies the great unknown, but Jesus has been there and back: He will _____ the way
- 2) Death brings the loss of the joys of this life, but in the 1000 yr reign of Jesus we will do meaningful work and rather than a boring heaven, we shall live eternally in the new heaven and the new _____
- 3) Death is the Great Divider, but also the Great _____ : we shall know Jesus face to face
- 4) Death parts body & soul, but when Christ returns, soul shall be reunited with _____ body
- 5) Do we want to live forever on this cursed earth? Death is the door by which the _____ is ended
- 6) Death is the Final Foe, but Jesus has conquered death; it is no longer our master but our _____

E. Things _____

F. Things _____

- 1) Things present are sometimes good, sometimes bad, but all conform us to the image of _____
- 2) Things to come are detailed in Rev.21-22, including the new heaven, new earth & New _____
- 3) This list does not include things _____ ; for "the former things have passed away" (Rev.21:4)

F. All _____

All things are part of our spiritual riches because God works all things together for our _____ ; God makes all things new; God works all things according to His will; God gives us richly all things to enjoy

II. THE WELLSPRING OF OUR SPIRITUAL RICHES 3:23

- A. "You are Christ's" is not an item on the inventory of our riches—Jesus is not there to make life _____
- B. It means just the opposite: it is not one more thing that belongs to us; it tells us who we _____ to
- C. The spiritual riches listed in verses 21-22 are ours only if we belong to _____ as verse 23 indicates