

COMMITMENT

The Reading of God's Holy Word

1 Corinthians 4: 3-5, 8-13; 2 Corinthians 4:16

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³ But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. In fact, I do not even judge myself. ⁴ For I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. ⁵ Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

⁸ Already you have all you want! Already you have become rich! Without us you have become kings! And would that you did reign, so that we might share the rule with you! ⁹ For I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels, and to men. ¹⁰ We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. ¹¹ To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are poorly dressed and buffeted and homeless, ¹² and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; ¹³ when slandered, we entreat. We have become, and are still, like the scum of the world, the refuse of all things.

2 Corinthians 4:16

¹⁶ So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

The Sermon

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The Model Christian Ministry, Part 2: as a Theology of the Cross Ministry

God's Church: A Called Community of Differents

- I. The Theology of the Cross as the Model Ministry
 - A. Ministry of Being Last
 - B. Ministry of Being Misunderstood
 - C. Ministry of Being Deprived
 - D. Ministry of Being Bottom
- II. The Theology of the Cross as a Brotherhood with Jesus
- III. The Theology of the Cross as a Brotherhood with Christians