



1 Corinthians

Chapter 4



Servant = an under rower

It described the slaves who rowed the huge Roman galleys.

“We are not the captains of the ship,” said Paul, “but only the galley slaves who are under orders.”

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Isaiah 53:5-6

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Isaiah 9:6-7

For unto us a Child is born,
Unto us a Son is given; And the
government will be upon His
shoulder. And His name will be
called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase
of His government and peace There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and
justice From that time forward, even forever. The
zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.





1 Peter 1:10-11

Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.



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Ephesians 3:2-4

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ,



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Ephesians 3:5-6

which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus.



Steward = manager, administrator

1 Peter 4:10

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

The Judgment Seat of Christ

2 Corinthians 5:10-11

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...



A close-up photograph of a human hand, palm up, holding a bright, glowing orb of light. From the center of the orb, numerous thin, white rays of light radiate outwards, creating a starburst effect against a dark background. The hand is positioned on the left side of the frame, with the fingers slightly curled around the light. The overall mood is one of divine light and grace.

Every good gift

*that you receive
comes from
My hand...*

Every good and perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights,
who does not change like shifting shadows

James 1:17



1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Fatherly Care

Hebrews 12:5-6

And you have forgotten the Exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives.”



Fatherly Care

Hebrews 12:9-10

Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of His holiness.





Paul's Example

Philippians 3:17

Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

1 Corinthians 11:1

Imitate me, just as I also *imitate* Christ.



2 Corinthians 10:10-11

“For his letters,” they say, “are weighty and powerful, but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.”

Let such a person consider this, that what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such we will also be in deed when we are present.

2 Timothy 4:2

Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

