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I Corinthians 3:21,22,23, “...**For all things are your’s; Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; And ye are Christ’s; and Christ is God’s.**”

The “**all things**” in the latter part of I Corinthians 3:21 must be qualified and identified before we approach any understanding of these verses. These “**all things**” are not to cover my neighbors belongings, his family, or anything connected to him other than what is commonly allowed. The word “**all**” identifies what is under consideration. Paul has told us in verse 16 that we “**are the temple of God.**” This phrase relates to the dwelling place of God’s spirit which abides in you after you have been born again of the Spirit (new birth). Paul, Apollos, and Cephas were all possessors of “**all things**” which God has given to sustain them in their time of need as pertaining to wisdom. In addition, they were all given access to God’s creation while we abide on this earth. We all alike have life, whether it be for a short time or for many years. And, it is sure we will all see death come upon us unless we are in the number which are alive when the Lord comes back. We are blessed to use “**all things**” available to us in this present time and “**all things**” in time to come as they are needed. Paul says again, “**all are your’s.**” Notice that the word “**your’s**” in verse 22 is a possessive term. God has given us “**all things**” we need while we live in this life the same as He gave unto Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. In the garden, they were allowed use of “**all things**” with the exception of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. In our lives, we are allowed use of “**all things**” which are allowed by God and which bring Him praise, honor and glory. Verse 23 will rule out us using or being allowed use of anything which does not honor God. As born-again children of God, we belong to Christ and thus as His bride, have use of all things given, including His righteousness. It takes true wisdom, which only God can give, to understand and to discern the meaning of “**all things**” in this passage. Remember, “**...know ye not that your body is the**

temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price..." (I Cor. 6:19-20). Now, because **"ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's"**, we have access to all things (everything we need) to be good disciples of Christ. *Think about it!*