1 Corinthians – “One In Christ”

Session #4 – Chapter 4

The Nature of Apostleship

A. REVISITING OUR PREVIOUS STUDY

1. The basis for all unity in the Church is Christ, not personalities.

2. The Holy Spirit reveals the mystery of God’s plan of salvation:

The cross of Jesus, not teaching based on human wisdom.

3. Following Christ, not personalities, solves divisions in the Church.

B. OBJECTIVES FOR THIS SESSION

1. To learn the foundation of apostleship: Accountability to God.

2. To discover the spiritual criteria for such accountability.

C. READ THE WORD – 1 Corinthians 4 – *New International Version*

D. STUDY THE WORD

1. V1-5: Servants and stewards

KEY WORDS: servants of Christ, entrusted (stewards KJV) mysteries, praise

Are you a servant obeying your Master knowing that only God can judge you?

2. V6-7: The equality of grace.

KEY WORDS: learn, puffed up, (pride KJV), receive, boast

Are you living in the humility of grace or the pride of works?

3. V8-13: God’s standard of faithfulness

KEY WORDS: become kings, apostles, display, spectacle, fools, wise, work

Is your faith based on following Christ, or a personality?

4. V14-21: Paul’s fatherly admonitions

KEY WORDS: children, guardians, father, imitate, son, power, discipline

Is your life in the Church as God’s child in the Church an example to others?

E. THE WORD FOR ME

The humility of faith makes a distinct difference between just knowing the right words, and actually living them by following Christ’s servanthood

as Paul’s life did.