

Christ belongs to God

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“Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seems to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, so that he may be wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, *'He takes the wise in their own craftiness.'* ([Job 5:13](#)) And again, *'The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.'* ([Psalm 94:11](#)) Therefore **let no man glory in men**. For all things are yours: whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all (are) yours; and you (are) Christ's; and Christ (is) God's.” ([1 Corinthians 3:18-23](#))

And: from the Greek word **de** which means: and, but, now, or moreover; ("**de** serves to contrast, continue, or introduce a new thought or idea. Its usage is context-dependent, providing a smooth transition between ideas or emphasizing a shift in narrative or argument" -- from Bible-Hub) (The verbs 'are' and 'is' are implied from its contextual use in verse 21: "all things **are** yours" -- which refers to personal possessions).

You: from the Greek word **hymes** (plural) which means: you; in the sense of many persons; in context: believing followers of Christ Jesus.

Christ's; Christ: from the Greek words **Christou** and **Christos** which mean: **Christ's**, of-Christ, in the sense of belonging to Christ Jesus as a result of a persons conversion and rebirth into Christ Jesus; and **Christ**: God's Christ-Messiah (Jesus) sent to earth to be our Lord and Savior.

God's: from the Greek word **xxx** which means: God's, or of-God; here it is Christ Jesus who both belongs to God, and is of God: being the "Son of God" sent to earth to be our Lord and Savior.

In context: the Corinthians were boasting in their relationship with specific men: such as Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas (Peter) or Christ, and not just in Christ Jesus alone, and the Father who causes the real growth in believers lives! Paul, the apostle, addresses the problem as follows:

"I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given to you in Jesus Christ; so that in every thing you are enriched in Him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge; even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: so that you are not lacking in any gift; eagerly-waiting for the revelation (2nd coming) of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall also confirm you unto the end, so that you may be blameless in the day (His 2nd coming) of our Lord Jesus Christ. **God is faithful**, through whom you were called unto the fellowship of **His Son Jesus Christ our Lord**. Now I beseech you, brethren, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared unto me about you, my brethren, by those who are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. Now this I say, that each one of you says, 'I am of Paul,' and 'I of Apollos,' and 'I of Cephas,' and 'I of Christ.' **Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?"** ([1 Corinthians 1:4-13](#))

Then Paul writes:

“But **God** has chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and **God** has chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and base things of the world, and things which are despised, **God** has chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nothing things that are; so that no flesh (people) should glory (boast) in **His** presence. But by **Him** you are **in Christ Jesus, who by God** is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption; so that, according as it is written, *'He who glories (boasts), let him glory (boast) in the Lord!'*” ([1 Corinthians 1:27-31](#)) (quote: [Jeremiah 9:23-24](#))

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Thus, Paul writes that:

“And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as to one spiritual, but as unto one carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat; for until now you were not able to bear it, nor yet are you now able. For you are still carnal; for since there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are you not carnal, and walk as men? For while one says, 'I am of Paul;' and another, 'I am of Apollos;' are you not carnal men? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom you believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; **but God gave the increase**. So then neither is he who plants anything, nor he who waters; **but God who gives the increase (growth)**.” (1 [Corinthians 3:1-7](#))

Paul was not crucified for us! Jesus was! The focus of our boasting should be in Christ Jesus! And not in our relationship with men such as Paul, Apollo, Peter, or others. We should Glory and Boast in our relationship with Christ Jesus, because we belong to Christ Jesus; and more importantly because **Jesus is of God**, and **He belongs to God**; and was sent to us **by His Father** to be our Savior! It is as as Jesus said:

"I am the Bread of Life; he who comes to Me shall never hunger; and he who believes on Me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, that you also have seen Me, and believe not. All who the Father gives Me shall come to Me; and he who comes to Me **I will in no wise cast out**. For I came down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will **of Him** who **sent Me**. And this is **the Father's will** who has sent Me, that **of all whom He has given Me I should lose none, but should raise them up again at the Last Day** (His 2nd coming). And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who **sees the Son, and believes on Him**, may have **Everlasting Life**; and I will raise him up at the Last Day. And this is the will **of Him** who sent Me, that every one who sees the Son, and **believes on Him**, may have Everlasting Life; and I will raise him up at the Last Day" ([John 6:35-40](#))

“And now, O Father, glorify Me with **Your own self** with the **glory which I had with You** before the world existed. I have manifested Your Name unto the men whom You **gave to Me** out of the world. They were Yours, and **You gave them to Me** (“**we are Christ's**”); and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things whatsoever You have **given to Me are from You**.” ([John 17: 5-7](#))

That Jesus is of God, and thus belongs to God is further evident from the Word of God:

“**My sheep** hear My voice, **and I know them**, and they follow Me; and I give unto them Eternal Life; and they shall never perish, nor shall any man pluck them out of My hand. **My Father**, who **gave them to Me**, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of My Father's hand. **I and My Father are one!**” ([John 10:27-30](#))

“Then the Pharisees went out, and held a council against Him (Jesus), how they might destroy **Him**. But when Jesus knew it, He withdrew Himself from there; and great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them all; and charged them that they should not make Him known; so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, *Behold **My Servant**, whom I have chosen; **My Beloved**, in whom **My soul is well pleased**: I will put **My spirit upon Him**, and **He shall show judgment to the Gentiles**. ... And in **His Name shall the Gentiles trust**.” ([Matthew 12:14-21](#)) (quote is from [Isaiah 42:1-4](#))*

“That which was from the beginning (Jesus), which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the **Word of life** (Jesus). For the Life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that **Eternal Life** (Jesus), **who was with the Father**, and was manifested unto us (sent to us). So that which we have seen and heard we declare unto you, so that you also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.” ([1 John 1:1-3](#))

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The practice of Jesus: calling God His Father, and that 'He has been sent' by God the Father, clearly implies that Jesus is the Son of God, who is of God, and belongs to God. Please consider the following:

“And He (Jesus) said unto them (the Pharisees), 'You are from below; **I am from above (from God)**; you are of this world; **I am not of this world**. I said therefore unto you, that you shall die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am **He (the One sent by the Father)**, you shall die in your sins. Then said they unto **Him**, 'Who are You?' And Jesus said unto them, 'Even **the Same** (the Sent One) that I said unto you from the beginning. I have many things to say and to judge of you; but **He (the Father) who sent Me is true**; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard from **Him**.' But they did not understand that **He** spoke to them of the Father. Then said Jesus unto them, 'When you have lifted up (on the Cross) **the Son of Man**, then you shall know that **I am He (the Christ-Messiah sent from God)**, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father has taught Me, I speak these things. And **He (the Father) who sent Me is with Me**; the Father has not left me alone; for I do always those things that please **Him**. As **He** spoke these words, many (people) believed on Him (they became Christ's)." ([John 8:23-30](#))

“These words Jesus spoke, and lifted up **His** eyes to heaven, and said, 'Father, the hour has come; **glorify Your Son**, so that **Your Son** also may glorify You; as You have given Him power over all flesh (people), so that **He** should give **Eternal Life** to as many as You **have given Him (believers belonging to Christ)**. And this is **Life Eternal**, that they might know You the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth; I **have finished** the work which You gave **Me** to do. **And now, O Father, glorify Me** with Your own **Self** with the **Glory** which I had **with You** before the world existed. I have manifested Your name unto the men whom You **gave to Me** out of the world; they were Yours, and You **gave them to Me**; and they have kept Your word. Now they have known that all things whatever You have **given to Me** are from You." ([John 17:1-7](#))

Jesus continued to pray for those people who were His, and to admonish them:

“And now I am no longer in the world, but these (**His disciples**) are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through your own Name **those whom You have given to Me**, that they may be one, as we are." ([John 17:11](#))

"Then said Jesus to them again, '**Peace be unto you**, as My Father has sent Me, even so I send you.' "(see [John 20:21](#))

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**And those who believe in Jesus, they belong to Jesus !!
And those Believers belong to Christ Jesus because God the Father ...
... has given those believers to Jesus !!**

**And since Christ Jesus belongs to the Father ...
... believers who belong to Jesus also belong to the Father !!**

Through Christ's Crucifixion on the Cross believers are now God's children !!

**Thank You Father in Heaven for sending Your Son Jesus to be our Savior !
Thank You Christ Jesus for the Peace of God that we now have through You !**

All Glory, and Majesty, and Honor, and Praise are Yours forever !!

Amen and Amen!