# "THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THOSE WHO THINK THEY ARE & THOSE WHO REALLY ARE"

## I CORINTHIANS 4:6-21

1. **THOSE WHO REALLY ARE, RECOGNIZE THAT THE GIFTS OF GOD ARE SOLELY OF GRACE (4:6-7)**
   1. Principle #1: No Individual Christian Is Better Than Another (4:6)
      1. First Purpose: Men Should Not Elevate Other Christians Beyond The Scriptural Positioning Of Men
      2. Second Purpose: Men Should Not Exalt Themselves At The Expense Of Others
   2. Principle #2: Every Christian Is Indebted To God For What He Currently Is (4:7)
      1. Three Questions Designed To Hammer Home The Point
      2. All Eyes On Christ
2. **THOSE WHO REALLY ARE, TASTE OF APOSTOLIC HARDSHIPS (4:8-13)**
   1. Contrast Between Paul And The Corinthian Believers (4:8-10)
      1. The Criticism Takes On A Marked Progression In Three Statements (4:8)
      2. The Criticism Employs Some Of The Sights Of The First Century By Way Of Comparison (4:9-10)
   2. Contrast Between Paul And The World (4:11-13)
      1. A Plethora Of Verbs And Participles Compound The Evidence
      2. The Contrast Is Unmistakable