

V.1 "Therefore" speaks to what was established in chapter 3. So, what is it?

THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST IN US, vs. 1-6 & chapter 3:1-9

1. We are epistles of Christ, v.3
2. Ministers of the New Covenant, v.6
3. Ministry of the Holy Spirit through us, v.8
4. Ministry of righteousness, v.9
5. Renouncing the hidden things of shame, v.4:2
6. Our ministry is aware that the god of this age has blinded the unbeliever, v.4
7. We preach Christ not ourselves, v.5
8. The light of Christ in us is shining out of darkness, v.6

THE MINISTRY IS GOD'S TREASURE IN EARTHEN VESSELS, VS. 7-15

1. God's power revealed in us, v.7 His excellence and power.
2. Pressed so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our bodies, vs. 8-10
3. We all have the same spirit of faith, v. 13
4. We will be raised up with Christ, v, 14

THE MINISTRY IS FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE, VS. 16-18

1. We do not lose heart, v. 16
2. We are being renewed daily, v. 16
3. Our future is so much brighter than any affliction of the present, v. 17
4. We do not look at the temporal things but the eternal things, v. 18

Last words: let us renounce the temporal fixing our eye on the prize which is eternal.