

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

¹ Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Finally Some Good News

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As Paul begins this letter, his thanks to God comes gushing out of him. The fountain of Paul's gushing is his recounting God's multidimensional grace that has been so generously given to all of us who treasure Jesus.

God has given us...

1. ...the words of the gospel and the ability to understand it.
2. ...confirmation of our faith.
3. ...everything we need to joyfully prevail.
4. ...Jesus to sustain us.
5. ...righteousness.
6. ...a perfect future hope.

THE BEST NEWS: God has given us...

...fellowship with Jesus.

Notes:

Life Group Discussion Questions

Based on 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Getting Started

1. What are some of the things in your life that you are most thankful for?
2. As you assess our culture, do you think we are encouraged to be grateful or greedy? Are we conditioned to think more about what we have or what we lack?
3. If a person has received God's all-sufficient grace through Jesus, how does it change one's attitude and actions?

Digging into the Text

4. Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 and respond:
 - What are some of the key words or phrases in vv. 1-3, which help to clarify why Paul is writing this letter?
 - Summarize the major theme(s) of vv. 4-9.
 - What does Paul say God's grace does in the life of a believer? What difference does it make now and later?
 - Why do you think Paul feels the need to remind the Corinthians that they were "*in every way enriched*" and "*not lacking in any gift*" in Jesus? What does it suggest about how the Corinthians may be giving in to their cultural surroundings?

Applying It to My Life

5. How does reflecting on the enormity of God's grace build your confidence in Him?
6. What is a step you can take this week to be more mindful and thankful for God's all-sufficient grace and not look to lesser things to fulfill your longings?
7. How can the group be praying for you this week as we all seek to grow in our faith as we study this book of 1 Corinthians together this new year?