

Called To Be Saints

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1Corinthians 1:1-9

“To 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: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” (1Corinthians 1:2-3, ESV)

Introduction

We're going to take a long look at Paul's first letter to the Church at Corinth to get a good idea of why God has called us, what His grace means to us, and what He intends to accomplish in and through us. By the time we've finished studying this letter together it is my prayer that we'll each see clearly why God has called you and I, and what His amazing grace has, is and will accomplish in and through our lives.

1. Called to be saints.

(1Corinthians 1:1-3)

a) Paul was called and sanctified by the will of God.

b) You and I are also called and sanctified “to be saints together with all...”

2. What God's grace does for you and I.

(1Corinthians 1:4-8)

a) What God's grace has done for you.

b) Enriched, gifted, sustained and forgiven.

3. Faithfulness and fellowship.

(1Corinthians 1:9)

a) Faith in God Who is Faithful.

b) Called into fellowship with God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

For our prayerful study, discussion and application:

- 1) Read 1Corinthians 1:1. How and why did Paul become an apostle?
- 2) What did Paul intend by blessing the Corinthians with God's grace and peace?
- 3) Read 1Corinthians 1:4-9. Why can we be sure of God's blessing in our lives?

Conclusion:

You and I, together with the apostle Paul and all of God's saints everywhere and in every age and even now, have received the same calling and grace. Let's begin by looking at what God's grace does for everyone how believes.

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