

Series "Called To Be Saints"
"It's All About Jesus"
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Study-1

Introduction To 1 Corinthians:

Written By: The Apostle Paul **1 Corinthians 1:1 Paul,**

The Date of The Epistle: 56 AD

Where Corinthians Was Written: Paul wrote from Ephesus.
1 Corinthians 16:5-8 Paul was on his third missionary journey.

There was a church delegation that came to Paul at Ephesus to inform him of some issues that were taking place. **1 Corinthians 1:11**

1 Corinthians 16:17

Written To: 1 Corinthians 1:2

Who Planted The Church Of Corinth? Paul the apostle did, after a shattering experience in Athens. **Acts 18:1-18** He spent 18 months in Corinth. He visited again on his 3rd missionary trip **Acts 20:2-3**

Acts 18:9-10

Theme of Corinthians: *"Called To Be Saints" The believer's application of Christian principles in their individual and in their social life.*

Purpose of The Epistle: There are 6 things:

1. To remind the Corinthians that Jesus is Lord. (1:2; 16:23).
2. To answer questions addressed to him concerning problems in the Church. (7:1; 8:1; 12:1; 16:1).
3. To reprove a spirit of division in the Church, the result of immaturity and following men rather than Christ (1:11-13).
4. To defend his Apostleship and ministry, being attacked by Judaizers (Ch. 9).
5. To urge the Corinthian Believers to discover, develop and use their Spiritual Gifts in an atmosphere of love (Ch. 12-14).

6. To establish the historical and doctrinal basis for believing in the resurrection of Christ (Ch. 15).

Key Words: Lord – 62 times, Wisdom – 19 times, Spiritual – 16 times, Carnal – 5 times, Gift – 11 times

Key Passage: 1 Corinthians 2:6-8

1 Corinthians 13 The Love Chapter.

Outline:

1. GREETING—1:1-9

2. REPROOF: THE REPORT OF SIN IN THE CHURCH—1:10-6:20

1. Divisions In The Church—1:10-4:21
2. Discipline In The Church—5
3. Disputes In The Courts—6:1-8
4. Defilement In The World—6:9-20

3. INSTRUCTION: THE REPLY TO THEIR QUESTIONS—7:1-16:12

1. Marriage—7
2. Food Offered To Idols—8 &10
3. Personal Priorities - 9
4. Church Ordinances—11
5. Spiritual gifts—12-14
6. The Resurrection—15
7. The Offering—16:1-12

4. CONCLUSION—16:13-24

Verses 1-9 Jesus Christ is mentioned **9 times** in these verses. Prior to Paul confronting the sin of this church He presents Jesus Christ as the answer to life's problems.

Thought Of Our Passage: "In Jesus Alone, The True Believer Finds The True Standard Of Faith And Conduct Through A Living Relationship"

9 Truths About Jesus Christ The Preeminent One:

1. Verse – 1 Jesus Is Our Authority:

1 Corinthians 1:1 Paul, The Latin word *paulus* means "little or small" The English noun *pauper* is derived from it.

called as an apostle of Jesus Christ (Paul's Authority was from God)
an apostle is a "one who is sent forth, carries the thought of official and authoritative sending with necessary equipment"

1. Requirements to have seen the Lord – **1 Corinthians 9:1; 15:8-9**
2. Call must be called directly from the Lord **Acts 9:15**

called – Paul was not seeking after apostleship; he was not self-appointed.

of Jesus Christ Paul was sent as a messenger of Jesus Christ.
Galatians 1:8-9

by the will of God, The will of God and ministry must always go together.

and Sosthenes our brother, This may have been the synagogue ruler publicly beaten by the Jews (**Acts 18:17**)

2. Verse – 2 Jesus Is Our Character:

1 Corinthians 1:2 To the church of God The word **Church** – Is the Greek word *ekklesia*, "a calling out"

church of God It is not ours, it is God's church!

1 Corinthians 1:1-9, Paul described the church that God sees; In **1 Corinthians 1:10-31**, Paul described the church that men see.

which is at Corinth, The city was a Grecian city that was a wealthy and extremely important. It was destroyed and rebuilt by the Romans.

Corinth had its beginnings in the 7th century BC. **In 46 BC, Julius Caesar declared Corinth a Roman colony.**

sanctified "to make holy, purify or consecrate; (mentally) to venerate, hallow"

saints by calling, The word **saint** - "set apart one's," "Holy one's" The term is used **66 times in the Bible.**

1. **A Saint is a special spiritual elite class of Christians.**
2. **A Saint must have performed at least 2 miracles that can be verified.**
3. **Saints are always dead before they are recognized as saints.**

1 Peter 2:9

3. Verse – 2 Jesus Is Our Unity:

with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

their Lord and ours: That the Lord Jesus is the Lord of all that receive Him.

4. Verse – 3 Jesus Is Our Satisfaction:

1 Corinthians 1:3 Grace to you and peace

Notice the order of this blessing. Grace is always before peace.

grace - stands for "*all the empowerment and enrichment that God can give*"

peace by product of a relationship with God, peace with and of!

from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. That it was the Father, the source and Jesus the channel that set into motion our salvation.

5. Verses – 4-5 Jesus Is Our Sufficiency:

1 Corinthians 1:4 I thank my God always concerning you,

That if there is a fault that we can all fall into, is failure in giving thanks to the Lord for others.

Matthew 6:1

for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, A Christian is a blessed person. They are blessed because of what God has and is doing for them.

1 Corinthians 1:5 that in everything you were enriched in Him, (Sufficiency) "to make wealthy" That when Jesus comes into our lives everything is affected.

in all speech That when Jesus enters in, our conversation changes. **(Praise, Prayer and Proclamation) Matthew 12:34**

and all knowledge, There is nothing more exciting to see a Christian grow.

3 John 4

6. Verse – 6 Jesus Is Our Witness:

1 Corinthians 1:6 even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, These were genuine believers in Jesus.

testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you The life of Jesus Christ can't be hid. **Matthew 5:14-16**

7. Verse – 7 Jesus Is Our Hope:

1 Corinthians 1:7 awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

so that you are not lacking in any gift, "charisma, a (spiritual) endowment, religious qualification, or miraculous faculty: (free) gift.

- 1. Used in love:**
- 2. Used for the good of others, built up:**
- 3. Used for the glory of God:**
- 4. Used until He returns:**

awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,
This speaks of expectedly waiting for the return of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 16:22; Titus 2:13; Revelation 22:20; 1 John 3:2-3

8. Verse – 8 Jesus Is Our Guarantee:

1 Corinthians 1:8 who will also confirm you to the end, God establishing us. *To make sure, preserve, or guarantee.*

Revelation 7; 14; There are 144.000 Jews protected and saved in heaven.

blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. blameless Literally "*Not called in*"

9. Verse – 9 Jesus Is Our Fellowship:

1 Corinthians 1:9 God is faithful, He is called faithful.

Revelation 19:11

1 John 1:9

through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son,
"koinonia, partnership, (lit.) participation, communion".

fellowship - means joint partnership. **1 Corinthians 12:13**

Application:

- 1.** Saints Are Separated Ones For Jesus: We are different, in the world but not of it.
- 2.** Saints Are Enriched By Jesus: All of the blessings of life are due to Him.
- 3.** Saints Are Looking For Jesus: His return, His rule and reign.
- 4.** Saints Are Depending Upon Jesus: He will complete what He has started!