

1 Corinthians 02 – 1:1-9

To the Saints at Corinth

1. 1:1 – Paul’s Calling

- a. His apostleship was doubted among these sophisticates – 1Cor 9:1-3, 2
- b. He defended his apostleship because of his testimony – Gal 1:1,11
- c. Paul was a pattern of longsuffering in his conversion – 1 Tim 1:12-16
- d. His calling was through the will of God – Acts 9:15, 1 Tim 2:4, Eph 1:10
- e. The mystery of Sosthenes - Acts 18:17 vs 1 Cor 1:1

2. 1:2 – The Sanctified Corinthians

- a. He writes to all the saints in Corinth and every place (no divisions) – 2Cor 1:1
- b. Their calling was just as important – “called to be saints” – 1 Cor 1:30, 6:11
- c. They were carnal, pleasure seeking, ungodly, but were saints – 2 Cor 13:5
- d. This would be impossible under the law – Rom 4:15, 1 Cor 15:56, Rom 7:9-10
- e. Only in the Lord Jesus Christ were they given this position – Eph 1:5-6, 5:8

3. 1:3 – Grace and Peace

- a. The time of “grace and peace” requires an interruption of prophecy/law.
- b. The law and the prophets warn of wrath - 2 Chron 19:10, Jer 25:3,17+, 26:2-3
- c. The King (Jesus) would rule with a rod of iron – Psalm 2:4-11
- d. The terms are opposite of judgment and wrath – Rev 11:18, 19:11

4. 1:4-7 – Things Given to Them

- a. Even when his thanks is “on your behalf” he is still thankful – 1 Thess 5:18
- b. “ye are enriched by him” – grace, gifts, sanctification is not from the world
- c. “testimony” – Not Moses(Mat 8:4), not prophecy(Rev12:17, 19:10), but 1Co 2:1
- d. They are equipped with all spiritual blessings in Christ – Eph 1:3, Rom 1:11

5. 1:8-10 – God is Faithful

- a. It is the Lord Jesus Christ that is their sufficiency – he confirms them to the end
- b. Notice Paul’s orientation towards the Lord Jesus Christ – 1:1-10
- c. He doesn’t question their fellowship in Christ for Christ’s sake – 1:9, Eph 4:32
- d. God is faithful to do what he promised – Rom 4:20-25, 2 Tim 2:12-13, 1 Thess 5:24
- e. The Corinthians are saved saints in Christ by grace through faith.