

PAUL'S FIRST EPISTLE TO THE CORINTHIANS

LEARNING HOW TO BE A HEAVENLY CHURCH IN A GODLESS WORLD

1 CORINTHIANS CHAPTER 1:1-3 INTRODUCTION

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HOW TO BE A CHURCH THAT'S OUT OF THIS WORLD

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1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called *to be* an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes *our* brother, :2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called ~~to be~~ saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: :3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

WHAT JESUS CHRIST SEES IN HIS CHURCH Matters – Then There's The Church at Corinth

IT'S HIS CHURCH – NOT OURS

Matthew 16:16

Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” :17 Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. :18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades **shall not prevail** against it.

WHAT JESUS CHRIST SEES IN HIS CHURCH

THE MAKING OF A REAL CHURCH IN A REAL WORLD

1.) Jesus Christ sees us specifically purposed v.1

HE SEES US SPECIFICALLY PURPOSED WITHIN HIS CHURCH

1a.) We are the sent ones v.1

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called to be an apostle...

called *klhto/ß kletos, klay-tos'*;

one who has been invited, to be appointed, someone who has been asked.

apostle *ajpo/stoloß apostolos, ap-os'-tol-os;*

a sent one or delegate. an ambassador of a cause or country.

A representative of the Gospel. In the New Testament sense: one who is officially commissioned by Christ with miraculous powers...

But There's the "Paul" part of the Equation.

"who was this man in history?"

PAUL – NOW A CHRISTIAN - A MAN WITH A SPECIFIC PURPOSE

Once Saul, a man with a totally different purpose.

Self-righteous, Self-assured, Self-made man...

He was an example of what a "holy man" should be like

1 John 4:17

Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; **because as He is, so are we in this world.** :18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear,

Matthew 10:16

"Behold, **I send you out** as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Application

HE SEES US SPECIFICALLY PURPOSED WITHIN HIS CHURCH

1b.) We are the servant ones

v.1

...an apostle of Jesus Christ **through** the **will** of God,

this is not a badge of authority or a calling card.
This isn't Paul's version of **Wikipedia** or **Facebook**.

Paul States a Certified Fact

*"I am an apostle of Jesus Christ **through** the **will** of God"*

A Servanthood Appointment

Romans 8:15

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of **adoption** by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." :16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, :17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,

Romans 9:3

For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, those of my own race, :4 the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons...**and daughters** !!!

On Friday Night, Just Past 7:00 pm, on June 4th
All 6.10 lbs of Emelyn Wunderlich was Adopted into Our Family.
(Papa Jack)

1c.) We are the selected ones

v.1c

...(and) Sosthenes our brother,

This "and" is what we must focus on here...
The family of God is bigger than we might think

the “**and**” here, is a wonderfully powerful **inclusion**.

It means that Sos and Paul were in it together.

It means that, they were partners, co-laborers, teammates
in the Cause of Christ.

They were in the same group, - in the same boat.

Brother to Brother Yours in Life and Death

WHAT JESUS CHRIST SEES IN HIS CHURCH

THE MAKING OF A REAL CHURCH IN A REAL WORLD

2.) Jesus Christ sees us strategically positioned v.2

2a.) He has positioned us where we are v.2

To the church of God which is at Corinth,

This is Both **Laughable** and **Tragic** at The Same Time

Corinth was a very carnal, backslidden church

If You Know of a Church That is Dying –

Have Them Read 1st Corinthians

the church ejkkhlsi÷a ekklesia, ek-klay-see´-ah;

the called out ones, a congregation, a community of united members (saints on earth and/or heaven - a general assembly of united ones.) the body, the church.

Hebrews 12:23

we have come to the **general assembly** and church of the firstborn *who are* registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made complete, :24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant,

2b.) He has positioned us where He is v.2

...to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints,

sanctified a,giázw **hagiazó**, *hag-ee-ad'-zo*; to make holy, to make pure or to consecrate.

Church - There Are Two Sides to Every Door

Side One to Door One

Hebrews 10:14

For by **one offering** He has **perfected** forever those **who are being sanctified**.

Side Two to Door One

Hebrews 10:10

For by that will **we have been sanctified** through **the offering** of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

saints a,gióß **hagios**, *hag'-ee-os*; from the root a,goß **hagos** (an awful thing) that which is sacred, to have been made holy, to have been purified or to have been consecrated.

Colossians 3:1-3

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. :2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. :3 For you died, and your life is **hidden** with Christ in God.

HE SEES US STRATEGICALLY POSITIONED WITHIN HIS CHURCH

2c.) He has positioned us where they are v.2

(with) (all who in every place) **call**
on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both **theirs** and **ours**:

Unity Among Christians is Observed, not Heard

Paul knows exactly where he needs to take the Corinthian church if they are going to recover from the carnal path of compromise – and **so he reminds them of where they belong...**

They Belong to the Living God – which means they belong to one another.

Psalm 133:1

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together **in unity!**

Romans 12:3

For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of *himself* more highly than he **ought to think**, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

WHAT JESUS CHRIST SEES IN HIS CHURCH

THE MAKING OF A REAL CHURCH IN A REAL WORLD

3.) Jesus Christ sees us securely placed

v.3

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Have you ever looked at a person or a group and said;

“man, I wish I was in that **group**, or on that **team**, or in that **boat**?”

the key to your Christian victory is; seeing yourself “**as you are now in Christ Jesus.**”
“you’re in that **group**, we’re on that **team**, we’re in that **boat**”

Practically / Actually:

- (1) Being a Christian is part of it. (2) Being in a local church is part of it.
- (3) Being **securely placed** in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ is where it all begins and ends – the family of God...

3a.) You’ve been placed on display

v.3

Grace to you

Grace *caʒriß charis, khar'-ece*; The divine influence upon the heart. Deemed acceptable, beneficiary, favored, The Pouring, Spreading or Gifting of... God’s Grace.

It’s His Grace: that makes me day by day more like my Lord.

It’s His Grace: that gives me the power to resist temptation.

It’s His Grace: that pulls me along this journey of faith in action.

3b.) You’ve been placed at liberty

...and **peace** (*that is - to you, to me*)

peace *eijrh/nh eirene, i-ray'-nay*; to join. To come to the place. a quietness of soul, to be at rest, to be set at one again. – to come back to.

This Is Peace with God which Creates the Peace of God

Corinth, Greece

In a city and a culture so pagan, so dark;
What was the answer for such a culture ?

According to God - The answer for Chino Hills, Anaheim, Bel Air, Silver Lake is **the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

The message that God came to redeem mankind from his disastrous decision to go it alone and from his sin induced coma. – Is the Lord !!!

The gospel is all sufficient - for all of man's needs.

(America apparently needs more humbling before our leaders begin to turn the people toward the things of God - - but wait, why wait - - let's lead)

as a pastor – I am to be a sheepdog over you –
this flock of believers at Calvary Chapel...

How Long Will We Allow Sin to Trash

Our Nation, Our State, Our City, Our Church, Our Family, Our Children ?
(O Lord Hear From Heaven Our Cry)

HE SEES US SECURELY PLACED WITHIN HIS CHURCH

3c.) You've been placed on a Rock v.3

...from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

This Grace and Peace is "**from**" the Father & "**Thru**" the Son

Get Out - *and tell someone the Gospel this week*
Get Out - *and look for someone to love in His name*
Get Out - *and vote your values for the kingdom*