

# 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

## God is Faithful

### The City of Corinth

The city was located on the Isthmus of Corinth and was the most important \_\_\_\_\_ city in ancient Greece.

The city's trade status brought both people and wealth.

The city's diverse population and extravagant wealth brought \_\_\_\_\_ immorality to the relatively young city.

The city was so immoral that "to Corinthianize" something was to make it excessively \_\_\_\_\_.

Although the city was polytheistic, \_\_\_\_\_ received a higher degree of reverence and worship.

### The Establishment of the Church in Corinth

#### Acts 18:1-4

Corinth is where Paul met Aquila and Priscilla, fellow \_\_\_\_\_.

We also learn that Claudius commanded that all the Jews leave Rome. Many of them settled in Corinth. As a result, the Corinthian church would \_\_\_\_\_ with the influence of Judaizing teachers.

We also learn from verse four that the church was made up of \_\_\_\_\_ Jews and Greeks.

#### Acts 18:5

When Silas and Timothy got to Corinth, Paul started devoting himself \_\_\_\_\_ to the word and focused his attention on the Jews.

His focus was on persuading them from Scripture that Jesus was the Christ.

When the Jews rejected Jesus as the Christ they started \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul turns his \_\_\_\_\_ from the Jews to the Gentiles. However, a prominent Jew named Crispus believed on the Lord.

In addition to Crispus, many of the Corinthians heard, believed and were \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Acts 18:9-11

God, knowing that things were about to get rough, promised to \_\_\_\_\_ Paul as he continued to boldly spread the word in Corinth.

#### Acts 18:12-17

God \_\_\_\_\_ His promise and protected Paul from the angry mob.

However, the mob's anger was turned against Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue and they \_\_\_\_\_ him right in front of Gallio.

### Paul's Introduction (1 Cor 1:1-9)

#### 1 Cor 1:1-3

Paul starts out by reminding those in Corinth that he was an \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 4:9; 1 Corinthians 9:1; 1 Corinthians 9:5; 1 Cor 15:7-11;

## 1 Cor 1:1-3

The co-author of the book is Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue who was beaten instead of Paul. Paul's description of the people he was writing to:

1. They were the church of \_\_\_\_\_ at Corinth. (Acts 20:28; 1 Cor 10:32; 1 Cor 11:22; 1 Cor 15:9; 2 Cor 1:1; Gal 1:13; 1 Tim 3:5)
2. They were \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ Jesus.
3. They were called to be \_\_\_\_\_.
4. They had a special relationship with everyone who calls on the name of Jesus.

## How?

**Acts 18:8** *Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, \_\_\_\_\_, **believed** and were \_\_\_\_\_.* NKJV

The consistent message throughout the New Testament is that one must hear about Jesus, believe that He is the Christ the Son of God, and be baptized in order to have his sins washed away.

Paul wants the Corinthians to receive \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ from God and Jesus.

## 1Cor 1:4-9

Paul thanked God for the grace of God that was \_\_\_\_\_ to them \_\_\_\_\_ Christ Jesus.

The testimony of Christ was confirmed in the Corinthians through the spiritual gift given to them by God. Christ will confirm them to the end that they will be blameless in the day of Christ.

Paul wanted the Corinthians to know that God is \_\_\_\_\_. Remember the words Jesus spoke to Paul while he lived in Corinth, "*Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; 10 for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city.*" **Acts 18:9-10**

**2 Tim 3:10-13** *But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra — what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.* NKJV

**2 Tim 4:17-18** *But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear. Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. 18 And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom. To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!* NKJV

Paul wanted everyone to know that regardless of the adversity, God \_\_\_\_\_ His people!