

Questions

1. What are some similarities between our culture and that of the Corinthians? What are some of the cultural pressure points that can draw us away from a pure devotion to Jesus Christ?
2. Put yourself in Paul's place. You spent 18 difficult months in Corinth, being used by God to establish a local church. Not long after leaving for another city, you receive reports of division and immorality. You are now writing a letter to that church. What kind of tone might you have communicated at the start of it?
3. What is the significance of the fact that the opening of First Corinthians is filled with a string of verbs that are either passive, as they refer to the readers, or active, as they refer to God?
4. How does serving Jesus Christ with power and gifting that His Spirit supplies help to confirm the truth of His gospel in your life?
5. Faithful is the God who called you into fellowship with His Son. What are some specific ways that you have recently experienced God's faithfulness?
6. In verse 9, it says God has called His people "into fellowship with his Son." The word *fellowship* might be better stated as "communal participation" or "covenant participation," emphasizing how vital it is that believers commune together in and with Jesus Christ. What does that mean to you? Are there ways in which you could better participate with other believers in growing together in Christ?

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1 Corinthians

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Jesus, Son of God

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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The Apostle Paul began his letter to the church at Corinth with thanksgiving for God's ongoing work in a troubled church. This opening provides three truths that believers in Jesus Christ need to remember every time life gets messy.

Graeco-Roman culture was full of boastful pride, the worship of multiple deities, sharp divisions by social class, and a warped view of sex.



Acts 18:1-17 gives the background to Paul's time in Corinth.

1. God Graced the Corinthians (1:2-4)

Paul gave thanks to God because of the many ways God showed grace to the Corinthian believers (sanctified, enriched, confirmed, strengthens, called).

3. God Guarded the Corinthians (1:6-9)

Paul assured the Corinthian believers that they are being strengthened to remain firm in Christ until His return because God is faithful and because God has called us into communal participation in and with Jesus Christ.

2. God Gifted the Corinthians (1:4-7)

Paul gave thanks for how God empowered and equipped the believers in Corinth to know and speak His truth. As they did so, the testimony of the gospel was confirmed through their lives and words.