

Sermon Reflections

You Call This A Church? Part 2 • 1 Corinthians 1: 1-9

Summary: Take Courage in how Christ has favored you so that you can be ready to be changed and conformed into His image.

1. Embrace how Christ sees you (vv. 1-3)

- God calls all His children saints, holy and sanctified. Everyone in Christ is a saint. As a Christian, your status never changes. What are some of the practical ways this helps you each day when you recall this truth? How might you encourage a child of God entangled in sin, now that you know this?
- When you sin, what should be your response to this legal status?

2. Leverage how Christ has gifted you (vv. 4-7)

- What gifts did Pastor Rick point out are some of the most important gifts that God bestows at the moment of salvation?
- God determines how He gifts his children. Because of this, there are no unimportant gifts. Why are many Christians reluctant to exercise their God given gifts? Corinth was a fairly messed up local church and yet, that didn't deter Paul. Why?
- Every cog in the movement of a watch has an important function, even if that function can't be seen. What ways do you see this happening at Grace Bible?
- Paul could speak to this issue with firsthand knowledge, couldn't he? How was that possible?

3. Know how Christ keeps you (vv. 8-9)

- Because of God's unlimited power and His commitment to His children, we know 'how the story ends', don't we? What are some verses that encourage us as we face the future? How do these verses encourage you?
- Often the Lord allows trials and difficulties into the lives of his people. Do times like this strengthen you spiritually? Has God taken you through a trial that you didn't want (or, at the time, thought you didn't need) but because of that trial, could you see Christ's faithfulness and trustworthiness?
- Are you thankful for the measure of faith that God has assigned you? (Romans 12:3)
- If you and I, in a humble way, start seeing ourselves as a gift to the local church, consider how that might be a wonderful, others-focused way to build up our local body. What might God do with many individual attitudes like that?
- The Bible is filled with wonderful promises regarding the future of God's saints. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 and describe how this is a blessing to know.