

# 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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### **“WHAT JESUS CHRIST SEES IN HIS CHURCH” PART TWO**

*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 4<sup>th</sup>  
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

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**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*