


1 Corinthians 1:1-9


The Apostles Paul's
Thankfulness To God For The
Corinthians

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Paul: Apostle of Christ

1 Corinthians 1:1 Paul called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God and Sosthenes our brother,

O.T. Shaluach: One sent by the king represented the king. Abuse of the "sent one" was abuse of the king himself!

1. With Jesus from beginning: John 15:26-27; Acts 1:21-22; 1 Cor 15:6-8; Gal 1:15-18
2. Did miraculous deeds: Acts 5:12-16; Hebrews 2:3-4
3. Saw the resurrected Jesus: 1 Cor 9:1; 1 Cor 15:5-8
4. They were called: Rom 1:1; 1 Cor 1:1; 2 Cor 1:1

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➤ “To the church of God in Corinth” – Paul subtly changed from “To the church of the Thessalonians in God.” He did so to prove to those at Corinth that the church belongs to God, not them!

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➤ Sanctified = perfect passive/ in Christ

➤ In Christ = either “by Christ Jesus” or “in the sphere of”

1. God the Father is normally the One who elects the saints to be in His Son. (Eph. 1:3-4)
2. By calling = is their vocation (Fee)

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Speech = Logos – used as a pejorative chpts 1-4 – compared to logos of the cross

Knowledge = Gnosis –from God 12:8; 13:2; 14:6
from man 8:1-13

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“Our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you” = the spiritual gifts were evidence of there calling.

Testimony= used at times for gospel (2:1; 2 Thess 1:10; 2 Tim 1:8)

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Gordon Fee = “Salvation for Paul was primarily an eschatological reality, begun with Christ’s coming and to be consummated by his imminent return.”

Apedekomai

1 Peter 3:20 (spirits) who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons were brought safely through the water.

Philippians 3:20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior the Lord Jesus Christ.

Prosdekomai

Luke 2:25 (Simeon)...and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel.

Titus 2:13 looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus

Imminence Under Attack

"A careful appeal to verses said to teach imminency (no prophesied events must occur before the Rapture) will reveal that what they actually teach is **expectancy**" (Rosenthal, *The Pre-Wrath Rapture of The Church*, 282).

Imminent	Expectant
Event	People's attitude

R. C. H. Lenski "The simple fact is that Paul did not know when Christ would return. He was in the exact position in which we are. All that he knew, and all that we know, is that Christ may come at any moment" (The Interpretation of St. Paul's First and Second Epistle to the Corinthians, 737).

God's Faithfulness

1 Corinthians 1:9 God is faithful through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

God's faithfulness insures they will be found guiltless on "that day" vs.8

Called =	Effectual Call	Universal Call
	Rom 8:30	Acts 2:21
	Acts 16:14	Rom 10:14-15
