

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Greetings and Giftedness

Paul's and Sosthenes greeting

¹ 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.

Acknowledgment and praise for the Gifts given to the Saints in Corinth

⁴ I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, ⁵ that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, ⁶ even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, ⁷ so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Facts Revealed:

- ✚ Paul did not receive his Apostleship by the will or choice of men, but by the will of God. [Acts 9:1-19]
 - ✧ Sosthenes was a fellow believer with Paul at the time of writing this letter.
- ✚ The letter is written to the Church at Corinth, a major city in Greece west of Athens.
 - ✧ The message is to those who are sanctified (set apart) in Christ Jesus and called to be Saints. [1 Corinthians 1:2]
 - ✧ The message is not only for the Saints in Corinth, but for the Saints everywhere who call on the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.
 - ✧ Saints are not appointed by the Church, but are all believers who trust in Jesus for Salvation. The ability to trust in Jesus is the call on the heart of the individual by the Holy Spirit as He draws us to Jesus. [John 6:44, 12:32, Acts 2:21, 39, 13:2, 15:16-17, 16:10, Romans 8:28-30, 9:24-26]
- ✚ Paul's typical greeting is a blessing of grace and peace from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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- ✚ Paul acknowledged that the **grace of God** has enriched the Saints at Corinth with **all utterance**, and **knowledge**, as their testimony of Christ is confirmed by the reports that had come to Paul from others speaking of their reputation. [Luke 2:40, John 1:16-17, Acts 11:19-24, 14:3, Romans 12:3-8, 1 Corinthians 1:4-8, 12:1-11, Ephesians 4:7-8, 1 Peter 4:7-11]
 - ✧ Therefore the Saints at Corinth should know that **they have not come short of any gift of the Spirit**.
 - ✧ Their reputation indicates that they are **eagerly waiting for the revelation (coming) of our Lord Jesus Christ**.
 - ✧ When Jesus returns He will confirm (acknowledge) the Saints, that they may be blameless before God. [1 Corinthians 1:8-9, 5:23, 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13, Matthew 10:32, Luke 12:8]
 - ✧ All our confidence can rest in the assurance that God is faithful to preserve us whom He has called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. [1 Corinthians 1:9, 1 John 1:7]
 - ✧ All glory goes to God.