

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 • Opening and word of thanks

Study 1 — Discussion Questions

- In what ways is our culture today similar to the culture found in Corinth when this letter was written?
- The Apostle Paul declared his *calling* at the beginning of this letter. Why do you think that was important? Why do you think it's important for you to understand your own calling and have it confirmed by others?
- How would you define what a *saint* is to someone who didn't know the biblical meaning?
- Why is it significant that *grace* always comes before *peace* in Paul's letters?
- Explain how God's grace and '*the power to do*' can enable a believer to accomplish a difficult task or live in difficult circumstances. Can you share something that God's grace has enabled you *to do*?
- The Apostle Paul promised the Corinthian believers that Jesus would sustain them to the end and present them as guiltless. What does that mean in practical terms?
- Pastor Paul said that all of us have a calling — specifically we have been *called into fellowship with the Lord Jesus*. What should that look like in the life of a believer?
- The Apostle Paul brought the message of the gospel to Corinth which undoubtedly played into his sense of responsibility to bring correction to these believers. How should Christians today be accountable when there is need for correction?

