

# *I Corinthians*

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2 To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ – their Lord and ours:  
3 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
4 I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. 5 For in him you have been enriched in every way – in all your speaking and in all your knowledge— 6 because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. 7 Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. 8 He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful. NIV

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**It is the church of God @ Corinth, those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called (to be) holy.**

Were they called to be holy (saints, set apart ones) or called holy? 1:2; Heb.10:10; IPet.1:13-15

**Yes! A believer's state of being is Holy, set apart, but also our living is to be Holy.**

Why is this important, given that this church was so worldly and immoral (1:10-16:24)?

**Because despite their faulty doctrine and worldly living, they're still Holy, Saints, called!**

What important truth does Paul add at the end of 1:2? 1:2b

**The letter is to all believers everywhere, who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

In view of their immaturity, comment on 1:3.

**Paul prays grace and peace from God OUR Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Love/unity.**

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**Because as true believers they had been given His grace in Christ Jesus. Standing in Grace**

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**They were enriched in every way, speaking and knowledge, because of being in Christ.**

So what is the obvious conclusion of 'in every way'? 1:7; IICor.12:11-13; Phil.3:20; IITim.4:8

**They did not lack any spiritual gift as they eagerly wait for Christ's return.**

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**He will keep you strong (spiritually) to the end, blameless on the day of Christ!**

And why can we absolutely count on this promise? 1:9; IITim.1:12; ITThess.5:23-24

**God who has called you into fellowship with Christ, is faithful. We're not, but He is!**

How in the world can I possibly be blameless before Him?

**It's not dependent on me! It's His righteousness given to me. It's grace, grace, grace...!**