

1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

“Declaration of Objective Unity in Jesus Christ”

{Sunday, July 10, 2016 A.D.}

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- **God’s wisdom for His Church**, which **lived(es) amidst** a **prosperous**, **arrogant** and **aggressively rebellious culture**, yet is commanded by God to **become** and **remain holy** (moral and separate).
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1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (NASB95)

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

² **To the church of God** which is **at Corinth**, **to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus**, **saints by calling**, **with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**, **their Lord and ours**:

³ **Grace** to you and **peace** from **God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ**.

⁴ **I thank my God always concerning you** for **the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus**, ⁵ that in **everything** you were **enriched in Him**, in **all speech** and **all knowledge**, ⁶ even as **the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you**, ⁷ so that you are **not lacking in any gift**,

Ephesians 1:3-14

awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

⁸ who will also **confirm you to the end**, **blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ**. ⁹ **God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord**.

Philippians 1:6 & 9-11
Ephesians 5:25-27
1 Thessalonians 5:23-24
Jude 1:24-25

Looking Ahead:

- 1 Corinthians 1:10 . . . “Exhortation to Subjective Unity in Jesus Christ”

Ephesians 1:3-14 (NASB95)

³ **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,**

⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love ⁵ He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight ⁹ He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him ¹⁰ with a view to an administration suitable to the fullness of the times, *that is*, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth. In Him ¹¹ also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, ¹² to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory. ¹³ In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of *God's own* possession, to the praise of His glory.

Philippians 1:6 (NASB95)

⁶ *For I am* confident of this very thing, that **He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 1:9-11 (NASB95)

⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; ¹¹ **having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.**

Ephesians 5:25-27 (NASB95)

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just **as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,** ²⁶ **so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,** ²⁷ **that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.**

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (NASB95)

²³ Now may **the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.** ²⁴ **Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.**

Jude 1:24-25 (NASB95)

²⁴ Now to **Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy,** ²⁵ to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.