

Unto the Church of God

1 Cor 1:1-2

Background:

Acts- _____

Pastoral Epistles— _____

1 & 2 Cor— _____

First contact with Corinth-- _____ missionary journey.

Arrived after Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens (Acts 16:11–18:1).

Met by Aquilla and Priscilla— _____.

Many won to Christ, including leader of synagogue, _____. Acts 18:8

Persecution

Next pastor— _____ Acts 18:24–19:1

After leaving Corinth--wrote _____ Corinthians.

Before writing 1 Corinthians-- _____ epistle.

Both--correct _____.

Church of Corinth--all kinds of Christians.

Solid and _____

_____ and carnal

Baby Christians and _____

Pure and _____.

Problems in church of Corinth

_____ and factions

_____ -- lack of Biblical separation

Immorality—incest, _____.

Abuse of Spiritual gifts

_____ among church members

I. Paul's _____

1 Corinthians 1:1

Greek culture--names of authors at _____.

Paul: original name _____ ...

_____ family

Tarsus

_____ School education—Gamaliel

Pharisee

Called : Chosen, _____

Not self-appointed or chosen by _____

Apostle: messenger, _____, sent out one.

Qualifications

- Been with Jesus from _____ Jn. 15:27
- Eye-witness of _____ Acts 1:21-22
- Have seen Christ _____ resurrection 1 Cor. 9:1
- Eye-witnesses of everything Jesus _____ Acts 1:8; 10:39

Apostles:

Considered infallible and _____. Jn.14:26; 16:13
 _____ Mt. 10:8

Confer ability to do miracles on _____ Acts 9:15,17,18; 19:6

Discern _____ 1 Cor. 12:10

Forgive _____ Jn.20:23

Ordain presbyters Acts 14:23

Exercise rule and leadership over _____ 1 Cor. 5:3-5; 2 Cor. 10:6,8,11

Paul reminding Corinthians--he is no mere ordinary man ...letter directly from _____.

Through the will of God: By means of will of God.

Not my _____.

God _____ me

Sosthenes, Paul's _____.

Acts 18--leader in _____.

1 Corinthians 1:2

II. Their position as a church

Belongs to _____.

Pastor and elders -- _____ -shepherds.

_____ Eph 4:11-13

Church purchased by _____ of Christ 1 Cor 6:20; Acts 20:28

1 Timothy 3:15

Pillar: stud, post, support under a house that holds up floor

Church--_____ which holds up and supports truth of Word of God

Truth: _____ of God

Ground: basis, support, that which gives stability and firmness. Firm foundation.

No other institution God calls pillar and ground of truth.

Vital--we are attached to _____ church. Hebrews 10:24-25

III. Their Position as individuals

1 Corinthians 1:2

Sanctified: set apart, made holy by Holy Spirit.

in Christ Jesus . In _____ of Christ Jesus,

By means of Christ Jesus.

As result of _____ in Jesus Christ.

Acts 26:18 Romans 15:16 Hebrews 10:10

Called : invited, appointed, _____. Summoned

Saints: Holy, set apart ones, sanctified ones.

To bring _____ to Christ.

Never declared saints by _____ merit.

Never declared saints by _____.

Only because of our identification with Christ Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:9 Galatians 1:6 1 Thessalonians 2:12 2 Thessalonians 2:14 2 Timothy 1:9 1 Peter 1:15 1 Peter 2:9 2 Peter 1:3 Revelation 19:9 .

A. Foreknowledge: to know beforehand, To foresee

God knows who will accept the offer of eternal life and who will reject it...in _____.

1 Pet 1:2 *Elect according to the foreknowledge of God*

Foolish to say God saw ahead into future whom would believe and then _____ this person for salvation.

Foreknowledge not imply God determined all choices _____.

If buy into philosophy that says God predetermines man to be saved or lost

Why God create unbelievers if He predetermines beforehand that they are going to reject Him?

Why doesn't God create individuals whom He knows and has predetermined beforehand that they will receive Him into their hearts and lives?

If God bases salvation on His foreknowledge of those who will believe, where does saving faith come from?

Rom. 5:10; 8:7; Eph. 2:3; Col. 1:21 1 Cor. 2:9-14

What believe? _____!

To be saved--_____ of own volition and free will, to receive Christ.

God supernaturally draws person to Himself and opens spiritually blinded eyes and plants faith into heart

B. Predestination To mark out, appoint, or determine _____.

Conformed to: fashioned, _____

Predestination has nothing to do with lost

Has everything to do with _____

God predetermines, appoints a certain plan or purpose for _____ to be conformed to image of His son.

Eph 1:11,12 Eph 1:4,5

Truth out of balance: No need, whatsoever, to use arm of flesh to influence people for Christ. (Calvinism) Jeremiah 17:5

C. Conformed: Jointly formed, _____ like unto.

At moment of salvation,

God pointed us in _____ of image of His Son
Put us on _____ leading to image of His Son. 1 Cor 15:49
Phil 3:21

Romans 8:29

Firstborn, speaks of priority or _____ of Christ.

Rom 8:30

D. Called Divine means God uses to summon someone who is spiritually dead to Himself.

Through _____ by power of Holy Spirit.

Evangelism is very means that Holy Spirit uses to call people.

E Justified

Declared, once for all, _____ by God.

Just as if we had never sinned.

Stott: He became sin with our sin, so that we might become righteous with his righteousness.

F. Glorified Magnified, given honour and _____ 2 Cor 4:17

...*them He also glorified--*_____ tense.

James Denney: The tense in the last word is amazing. It is the most daring anticipation of faith that even the N.T. contains.

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IV. Their Identification

Called: Summoned, _____, commissioned

Saints: Holy, set apart ones, _____ ones.

Romans 8:27 Romans 12:13 Romans 15:25 Romans 15:26 1 Corinthians 14:33 1 Corinthians 16:1 2 Corinthians 8:4 Ephesians 1:15,18

...*not only true of you in church in Corinth but to Christians everywhere—to all who call upon the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and theirs.*

So What?

I. His Authority---Will you place yourself under authority of Word of God?

II. Their position as a church--Commit to be faithful

III. Their Position as individuals—sanctified in Christ Jesus.

A. Foreknowledge

B. Predestination

C. Conformed

D. Called

E. Justified

F. Glorified

IV. Their Identification—called to be saints.