



1 Corinthians: Love Builds Up

Altogether Grateful

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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Introduction:

Key Question: How do we live as disciples of Jesus and function together as his Church in an overwhelmingly unbelieving world?

What common realities are shared among disciples of Jesus?

Dear Church (1-3)

1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, **2**To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: **3** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

5 Realities shared by all disciples of Jesus:

Common Gift (4)

Common Enrichment (5-7a)

Common Expectation (7b)

Common Condition (8)

Common Fellowship (9)

How might our lives look in light of these realities?

Supporting Scripture

1 Cor. 1-13
1 Cor. 13:13
1 Cor. 1:25

Hag. 2:7
Mal. 1:11

2 Tim. 1:9
Eph. 2:8-9
Acts. 4:33
Acts 20:24
2 Cor. 8:7
2 Cor. 12:9

1 Cor. 14

Mt. 24:36-44
1 Thes. 5:1-3

1 Jn. 2:1
1 Tim. 2:5
Rom. 6

Mt. 16:18
Mt. 28:16-20

Next Week: 1 Cor. 1:10-17 Undivided

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<p>1 Corinthians: Love Builds Up Altogether Grateful Growing together in a Greater Love – Discipleship Guide</p>	<p>1 Cor. 1:1-9</p>
<p>Get together as a family or with a friend or group of friends this week!</p> <p>Start with Prayer -ask Jesus to guide your time together. Go over prayer requests together.</p> <p>Read the Text -read the text together. (1 Cor. 1:1-9)</p> <p>Discussion Guiding Questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As Paul opens his letter, in verses 1-3, where does he place his emphasis and focus? 2. In his opening words (1-3), how does Paul draw the community of saints together? 3. Why is it of equal importance for us to understand both the individual realities of our personal faith and the common realities that all disciples of Jesus share? What could be the danger of emphasizing one over the other? 4. Paul talks about being enriched in Jesus, through the gifts that he has given his church. How have you been enriched or built up by believers using their gifts in your faith community? 5. Jesus has determined to build his church and commissioned his disciples to spread the good news of his grace, the gospel, throughout the world. How is this happening today? What are some ways that you are participating or partnering in building up his Church or sharing the gospel with those who have not yet believed? <p>Questions towards Spiritual Growth & Discipleship:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this text challenge you to grow in a greater love for God? 2. How are you motivated to grow in a greater love for others? 3. How might Jesus be motivating you apply some of the principles from this passage to your family, career, community, or church? 4. How might Jesus be using you to draw those that do not know him, unto himself? 5. How will you pray for each other between now and next time you meet? 	<p><u>Supporting Scripture</u></p> <p>1 Cor. 1:1-13 1 Cor. 13:13 1 Cor. 1:25 Hag. 2:7 Mal. 1:11 2 Tim. 1:9 Eph. 2:8-9 Acts. 4:33 Acts 20:24 2 Cor. 8:7 2 Cor. 12:9 1 Cor. 14 Mt. 24:36-44 1 Thes. 5:1-3 1 Jn. 2:1 1 Tim. 2:5 Rom. 6 Mt. 16:18 Mt. 28:16-20</p> <p><u>Prayer Requests</u></p> <p>Family</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Career/Friends</p> <p>Other</p>