

Eagerly Awaiting

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I Corinthians 1:1-9 ¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To 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: ³Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I always thank my God for you because of the grace He has given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵For in Him you have been enriched in every way, in all speech and all knowledge, ⁶because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. ⁷Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly await the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will sustain you to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful. (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A.** This letter was written by the **Apostle Paul**. V. 1
- B.** **Sosthenes** is believed to be assisting Paul in the writing of this letter. V. 2
- C.** This letter was written to the **local** church in the pagan city of Corinth.
- D.** This letter is beneficial to anyone who is **saved** by our Lord Jesus Christ. V. 2-3
- E.** The grace given to them through Jesus Christ has **enriched** them and set them apart. V. 4-5
- F.** Their faithfulness to God was a **confirmation** of the work that Paul had done in sharing the Gospel. V. 6
- G.** The Corinthians had many **spiritual** gifts. V. 7
- H.** The Corinthians were eagerly awaiting the **revelation** of Jesus Christ. V. 8
- I.** The foundation of the base of the church was the **faithfulness** of God. V. 9

II. What can we learn from this?

- A.** Scripture is an **authority** that needs to be listened to and applied. It is not as vague as some have taught it to be.
- B.** We must **listen** to the spiritual leaders that God has put over us. Everything they do and say must be held up to **biblical** standards.
- C.** NMMC is a **local** church and has been created by God, just as the Corinthian church had been. We should know our history but not be limited by it.
- D.** We must **discover** our spiritual gifts and learn to use them for the building up of the One Church in the world.
- E.** We must stop being scared of the **future**. Christ is being revealed around us and it is not a bad thing!
- F.** The faithfulness of God is a great **source** of strength and courage.