



# FIRST CORINTHIANS

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 / CALLED AND GIFTED / 1 CORINTHIANS 1.1-9**

*FIRST CORINTHIANS IS THE NEW TESTAMENT LETTER FOR OUR TIMES. IT WAS WRITTEN TO A CHURCH IN A CITY WHERE THE GREEK IDEALS OF INDIVIDUALISM, PERSONAL FREEDOM, AND DISTRUST OF AUTHORITY WERE PERVASIVE. YET THE APOSTLE PAUL BELIEVED THE GOSPEL OF JESUS IS THE LENS THROUGH WHICH ALL CULTURE AND ALL LIFE IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD. IF WE HOPE TO REACH OUR FULL POTENTIAL AS CHRISTIANS AND AS A CHURCH, WE MUST BEGIN WITH A GREATER VISION OF THE GOSPEL.*

## **Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-9.**

1. What are some of our culture's major ideas or beliefs that are at odds with a biblical worldview?
2. How might a deeper understanding of the Gospel address these issues? (see Romans 8:35-39)
3. According to 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, from whom do believers derive their sense of personal identity (1 Corinthians 1:5-6)? (see Acts 17:28)
4. What is the focus of God's call in the life of the believer (1 Corinthians 1:2)? (see Romans 8:28-29)
5. In what unique way does God equip us when he calls us into a relationship with himself (1 Corinthians 1:5-7)? (see 1 Corinthians 12:7)
6. In what unique ways are you living out God's call on your life today? (see Ephesians 2:10)

***God help me to live more fully out of my identity in Jesus Christ today.***