

Paul's First Letter to
the Corinthians

FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMUNITY

*God is faithful, by whom you were called into
the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Class Time

- Class Officer Reports
- Prayer Requests
- Scripture Reading and Summary – 1 Corinthians 1:4-9
- Class Discussion:
 - ✓ *How many verses in Paul's introduction refer to Christ? Is this significant?*
 - ✓ *What, in our passage, has God proven to be true, verified or guaranteed?*
 - ✓ *What is "the day of our Lord Jesus Christ." The OT says it is God's day and the NT says it is Christ's? Is this important?*
- Outline and Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:4–9 (ESV)

4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus,

5 that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—

6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—

7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1st Corinthians – 1:4-9

Summary Statement

Paul says that... God's grace given in Christ has in every way enriched the Corinthian church in all speech and knowledge, for which he thanks God always, and which confirms the gospel witness about Christ among them. Therefore, they do not lack any gift as they wait for the second coming of Christ and the judgement of the day of Christ. God sustains their guiltlessness unto that day since He is faithful, and He is the one who called them into the fellowship of His Son.

**Discussion
Question #1**

In 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 how many verses refer to Christ? Of the first 9 verses of 1 Corinthians, which includes the entire standard introduction, how many refer to Christ? What significance is this?

**Discussion
Question #2**

The word “confirmed” in verse 6 and the word “sustain” in verse 8 are the same word in the original. The common and biblical use of the word had a legal or business sense of to prove something true, to verify or to guarantee. What, in our passage, has God proven to be true, verified or guaranteed.

**Discussion
Question #3**

Note in verse 8 “the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Compare this verse with verses about the day of the Lord from both the NT and the OT:

Isaiah 2:11–12, Joel 2:30–31, Joel 3:14–17, Amos 5:18–20, Isaiah 13:6–13,
Joel 2:30–32, 1 Corinthians 5:5, 1 Thessalonians 5:2, 2 Peter 3:10–13

Do OT and NT point to the same event? What is this day and when is it? How important is it that, when describing this event, the OT says it is God’s day and the NT says it is Christ’s?

Thanksgiving for the Grace Given by God in Christ Jesus

- I. The riches of God's grace in Christ vv4-5, 7
 - A. Given v4
 - B. In Christ Jesus v4
 - C. Enriched v5,7
 1. In every way in Christ v5
 2. In all speech and all knowledge v5
 3. Result - no lack of any gift v7
 4. While waiting for the revealing of Christ v7

Thanksgiving for the Grace Given by God in Christ Jesus

- II. The extent of God's guarantee in Christ vv6, 8
 - A. Testimony about Christ was confirmed v6
 - B. Guiltlessness unto the day of Christ will be sustained v8
- III. The impact of God's faithfulness in Christ v9
 - called into the fellowship of Christ v9

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Proof

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV)

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

