

1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (NLT)

¹ This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Sosthenes.

² I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.

³ May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

⁴ I always thank my God for you and for the gracious gifts he has given you, now that you belong to Christ Jesus. ⁵ Through him, God has enriched your church in every way—with all of your eloquent words and all of your knowledge.

⁶ This confirms that what I told you about Christ is true. ⁷ Now you have every spiritual gift you need as you eagerly wait for the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will keep you strong to the end so that you will be free from all blame on the day when our Lord Jesus Christ returns.

⁹ God will do this, for he is faithful to do what he says, and he has invited you into partnership with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

As You Read: (STAR)

Stop – What is at the front of your thoughts today, what is taking your attention? In a prayer of surrender give those things to God.

Take a Breath – Invite the Holy Spirit to come and awaken you to God's voice. In a prayer of invitation ask Him to come and bring revelation to you.

Accept and Connect to Jesus – read some Scripture and begin looking at your day or your circumstances through how Jesus sees them.

Respond – is God asking you to respond in specific way? Feel free to share and ask for prayer in this area.

(Extra devotional questions on the back page)

- 1) Starting with verse 1 and going through to verse 9 name all the things God is or has done for us

- 2) Is there anything that stands out to you out of this list? Why?

- 3) How do these verses impact the way you see yourself?

- 4) How do these verses impact the way you see the church?

- 5) How do these verses impact how you can reach your “neighbors”?

- 6) Close in a prayer for a request for empowerment to live in the way God sees us and to live out the way He has called us.