

# CALLED TO BE SAINTS **TOGETHER**

## Rich in Christ

### **1 Corinthians 1:4-9 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Thanksgiving...**

This is a prayer of thanksgiving and acknowledgment, not a prayer of \_\_\_\_\_.

Before Paul sternly corrects the church at Corinth... he reminds them of who they are in \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul knows the \_\_\_\_\_ is the only solution to the moral, relational, and theological problems that plagued the Corinthian church.

This text is an example of Paul's personal obedience to the command to \_\_\_\_\_ . (1 Thess. 5:18; Phil. 4:6; Col. 3:17)

### **What specifically is Paul thanking God for in this text?**

**v4:** Paul is thankful for the \_\_\_\_\_ of God given in Christ Jesus.

- Grace is ultimately \_\_\_\_\_. (2 Cor. 9:15)
- Grace assumes \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 3:23)
- Grace \_\_\_\_\_ us. (Eph. 2:8-9)
- Grace is a \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 3:24-25; 5:17)
- Grace cannot coexist with \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 11:6)
- Grace gives us \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 8:16)
- Grace gives us \_\_\_\_\_. (1 Cor. 15:10)

- Grace is \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 5:20)

- Grace covers all the periods of life: the \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.

**RICH IN CHRIST:** To be "Rich in Christ" is to enjoy all the benefits of God's grace. (2 Pet. 1:3-4)

**v5:** Paul is thankful for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Corinthians have been given.

**v7:** Paul is thankful that \_\_\_\_\_ have been given to the Corinthians.

**KEY TRUTH:** God dispenses the resources the church needs to build the church and grow the kingdom...but the church must willingly use these resources!

### **Why does God give grace?**

God gives grace so that we may produce \_\_\_\_\_. (Eph. 2:10, Titus 2:14 3:8)

God gives grace so that we may be a blessing to \_\_\_\_\_. (Eph 2:4-7)

Mostly, God gives grace so that He may be \_\_\_\_\_ in and through us. (Eph. 3:10, 21, Matt 5:16, John 12:28, 17:1,4-5)

### **How can we be assured of these "riches in Christ?"**

**v9:** God is faithful...

#### **Take away...**

You are Rich in Christ!

- you have all speech and all knowledge needed(v5)
- you are not lacking in any spiritual gift (v7)
- you are sustained by God through Christ (v8)
- and you are guiltless before God (v8)

You have all the resources you need to live a holy, God-honoring, kingdom-impacting life!