

ESTABLISHED TO THE END

Paul, called *as* an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, ²To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, ⁶even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

- Paul was called an apostle of Jesus by the will of God.

“Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God.” **Romans 1:1**

- Paul was called and set apart for God’s purpose.

“To the Church of God...Those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus.” **1 Corinthians 1:2**

- Paul was set apart by God for God and now he tells us that we as Christians have been called and set apart for God as well.
- Sanctified...set apart to God, consecrated, made holy, treated as holy, called for a purpose.
- Paul blesses the church with grace and peace and then blesses God for the way He has lavished the church in Corinth with His grace. **(v3-4)**
- Paul describes God’s graciousness to the church: Blameless and ‘Unaccused.’ **(v5-7)**
 - Power in a readiness of speech (testimony).

- Insight, revelation, and knowledge of the meaning of God's grace. Facilitated by every spiritual gift and blessing, empowering them to minister in fullness.
- God's amazing faithfulness to his church. (v8-9)

And He will establish you to the end [keep you steadfast, give you strength, and guarantee your vindication; He will be your warrant against all accusation or indictment so that you will be] guiltless and irreproachable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah). God is faithful (reliable, trustworthy, and therefore ever true to His promises, and He can be depended on); by Him you were called into companionship and participation with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **1**

Corinthians 1:8-9

- Your present experience is not the end.
- He will keep you through it and keep you beyond it.
- There may be indictments and accusations but He will be your answer...your 'warrant against my indictment.'
- He will present you guiltless and ever blameless when Jesus comes. (100% clean!)
- God is reliable and true to His promise.
- You can depend on Him.

“He will keep you steadfast in the faith to the end.” (v8) **Phillips**

“He will insure your complete vindication.” (v8) **Goodspeed**

“so that no one can accuse you of anything on that day.” (v8) **Beck**

“God is entirely trustworthy. (v9) **Williams**

“God is utterly dependable. (v9) **Phillips**

- He has called you by His faithfulness into companionship and participation with His Son, Jesus.
- Companionship – we share life together: partnering, communication, koinonia.
- Participation in the kingdom...the empowered partnership.

- He is faithful and steadfast to ‘keep’ you held so you can experience life in Him and express that life to others.

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. **Philippians 1:6 NASB**

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. **1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NASB**

But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil *one*. **2 Thessalonians 3:3 NASB**

Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. **James 4:7 NASB**

For no temptation (no trial regarded as enticing to sin), [no matter how it comes or where it leads] has overtaken you *and* laid hold on you that is not common to man [that is, no temptation or trial has come to you that is beyond human resistance and that is not adjusted and adapted and belonging to human experience, and such as man can bear]. But God is faithful [to His Word and to His compassionate nature], and He [can be trusted] not to let you be tempted *and* tried *and* assayed beyond your ability *and* strength of resistance *and* power to endure, but with the temptation He will [always] also provide the way out (the means of escape to a landing place), that you may be capable *and* strong *and* powerful to bear up under it patiently. **1 Corinthians 10:13 AMPC**

⁶ Therefore humble yourselves [demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you, ⁷ Casting the whole of your care [all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all] on Him, for He cares for you affectionately *and* cares about you watchfully. ⁸ Be well balanced (temperate, sober of mind), be vigilant *and* cautious at all times; for that enemy of yours, the devil, roams around like a lion roaring [in fierce hunger], seeking someone to seize upon *and* devour.

⁹ Withstand him; be firm in faith [against his onset—rooted, established, strong, immovable, and determined], knowing that the same (identical) sufferings are appointed to your brotherhood (the whole body of Christians) throughout the world. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace [Who imparts all blessing and favor], Who has called you to His [own] eternal glory in Christ *Jesus*, will Himself complete *and* make you what you ought to be, establish *and* ground you securely, and strengthen, and settle you. ¹¹ To Him be the dominion (power, authority, rule) forever and ever. Amen (so be it). **1 Peter 5:6-11 AMPC**