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Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; cf. Acts 18:1-18

- 1) Introduction to 1 Corinthians (1:1-3)
 - a) Written in AD 51 by Paul, a called apostle of Christ
 - b) Written to some very confused Christians in Corinth
 - i) A church of God ("called out" ones)
 - ii) To saints ("separated ones") by calling
 - iii) Sanctified (made holy) in Christ Jesus
 - c) God's grace & peace be upon all His people
- 2) God is sovereign in our salvation and in His gifts to us (1:4-9)
 - a) He gives grace to His chosen ones as a gift, not by merit (1:4)
 - b) He enriches Christians w/ everything we need (1:5, 7a)
 - c) He confirms the testimony of Christ within us (1:6)
 - d) He equips those who eagerly await the revelation of Christ our Lord (1:7b)
 - e) He confirms our faith to the end, keeping us "blameless" (1:8)
 - f) Having called us to faith in Christ, He will remain faithful (1:9)
- 3) Questions for Application
 - a) When did you realize God's grace came to you as a gift, not a work?
 - b) Have you realized that in Christ you have been enriched, having all you truly need?
 - c) How has God made clear to you your confirmation in the Christian faith?
 - d) How might we "eagerly" anticipate Christ's return day to day?
 - e) How in your daily trials is God confirming you as His child?