

All The Good We Have Been Given

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

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Introduction

His Steadfast Love Endures Forever

A Psalm for giving thanks.

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

² Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

³ Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

• What do we need?

• ALASKA GROSS
• What else is out there?

• We need to see
the wealth we have

• Paul in 1 Cor.

• If you feel empty,
unmotivated,
this is for you

• My job to consider present

• Where we are heading:

① Political Season/Sermon

② Membership/Service

③ Generals

• We need fuel for the road;
we need to see our wealth.

• This is what Paul is doing
1 Cor - Thanksgiving before collection

• So... are you weary? Feeling overwhelmed?

You're in the right place - hope in Jesus!

~~God gave us grace in less instead of what we deserved (2)~~

God Has Given Us Grace

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

- Paul begins w/ gratitude

God gave us grace in less instead of what we deserved

GRACE = Unmerited favor, given freely in Christ
STARTS w/ most important thing - GOD SAVED US

- College Ministry: hatred to brotherhood
as the gospel grew in me, so did my gratitude
we both needed grace.

- Why does this matter?

As we receive, we also must give
When we don't receive, we don't extend

- Paul is modeling a gratitude-filled life in all circumstances.

- First things first - "Why every sermon?"
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- Everything changes when we lead w/ praise + thanksgiving
Circumstances may not change, but it looks does.

CHURCH, DON'T FORGET OR OVERLOOK THE GRACE OF GOD

God Has Given Us Gifts

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- Gifts were a problem @ Corinth ^{- envy} ^{- used wrongly}
but Paul is still affirming that they are gifted
- speech & knowledge
- not lacking = church is covered
- Moving from jealousy/covetousness to gratitude for our varied gifts.

- Why does this matter?
 - ① Be thankful for the gifts our church has; varied
Show Honor
 - ② offer the gifts you do have
"What are mine?"
God told me: "go home & serve"

Church, Don't overlook or forget the many gifts we have

God Has Given Us Strength

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- In spite of Corinthian rebellions, Paul is declaring what is truest.
 - ① Jesus will bring you to the end
 - ② Jesus will present you as blameless } the journey is long + hard

- My own weariness re: Sundays ⇒ BOND
→ church is a chore when it's not about Jesus anymore

Corinthians were trying to figure out church w/ gifts, etc.

Paul: only one person is going to sustain you.

- Why does this matter?
Then just did a sermon on this @ end of Col.

Strength from ~~believing~~ ^{believing} is a part of any church is a chore when it's not about Jesus anymore.
Practically: God, I don't see the point in all of this.
God, I can't find the love to care for the...
God, I don't feel like serving.

All of us love the picture of finishing well. - UP
but we need to see the only way to get there, blameless, is with the strength he provides. - ABIDES

Churches, Don't overlook THE STRENGTH HE HAS GIVEN US

God Has Given Us A Home

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• In spite of rebellion...

• God is faithful - see us through

• Thru Jesus, we are called into fellowship with Jesus

① we have reunited fellowship w/ God

② we are co-heirs w/ Christ, even inheriting God's Fatherly affections.

• 2:30 AM - Roman smiling

I am FAITHFUL to Him

He's doing nothing but existing and I take so much delight in him

Do anything

Committed to growth for his sake

- Corinthians were far off, but thru Christ sons/daughters, and God is faithful to them.

• Why does this matter?

You can find another home, or rest in the one we've been given

- You can seek the growth, fulfillment, pleasure, and contentment of work, OR you can rest in Father's love, as a child of God, fellowship w/ Christ
- He is faithful - follow, obey, love, serve, + ABIDE as he completes the work.

CHURCH, DON'T OVERLOOK OR FORGET THE HOME WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN

Edward Sill

This I beheld, or dreamed it in a dream:—

There spread a cloud of dust along a plain;

And underneath the cloud, or in it, raged

A furious battle, and men yelled, and swords

Shocked upon swords and shields. A prince's banner

Wavered, then staggered backward, hemmed by foes.

A craven hung along the battle's edge,

And thought, 'Had I a sword of keener steel—

That blue blade that the king's son bears—but this

Blunt thing!'—he snapt and flung it from his hand,

And lowering crept away and left the field.

Then came the king's son, wounded, sore bestead,

And weaponless, and saw the broken sword,

Hilt-buried in the dry and trodden sand,

And ran and snatched it, and with battle-shout

Lifted afresh he hewed his enemy down,

And saved a great cause that heroic day.

- HARD SEASON, BUT GOD IS WORKING
 - CHURCH ISN'T PERFECT, BUT DON'T CAST IT AWAY
The means by which God is doing his work
 - WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN SO MUCH
GRACE / GIFTS / STRENGTH / HOPE
BE FILLED WITH GRATITUDE
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