

The Approval of God
2 Corinthians 1:1-2
Pastor Paul Bauman



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 3rd, 2024

The Context of the Letter

1. Paul had confronted the church over major issues regarding sinful behavior and wrong doctrine.
2. False teachers were creating doubt concerning Paul's abilities and his authority as an apostle.

A Tone Setting Greeting

1. Paul ties his calling as an apostle directly to the will of God.

The NLT translates vs. 1 – "...this is a letter from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus..."

- God's approval must be our only focus.

2. Paul describes one of the most dysfunctional churches in early church history as "saints."

"Saint" - one who is upright, purified and set apart or holy.

KEY: The title of saint emphasizes the "position ALL believers have before God because of Christ."

- Spiritual growth is becoming who we already are.

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The Adult Sunday School Brunch is at 9:30 AM in the fellowship hall. In addition to hearing about the upcoming adult classes, we will also have the opportunity to hear from the missions team headed to Austria in July. They will be serving at English Camp alongside Hillcrest supported missionaries, Seth and Alyssa Sander. A free-will offering will be collected to help fund their mission trip.

Spring Break for Hillcrest Kids and Multiply Jr. & Sr. High is this week. There will be no kids or youth activities this Wednesday, March 6th.

Baptism Service: There will be baptisms in both services on Sunday, March 24th! If you would like to be baptized, let one of the pastors know or sign up online at hillcrestefc.org/baptism before March 10th.

Men's Retreat: Join us at Covenant Cedars Bible Camp from 8AM-4PM on Saturday, April 13th. For more information or to register, visit hillcrestefc.org/retreat or text Retreat to (402) 696-6171.

Hillcrest is Hiring: We are adding an Office Manager to the Hillcrest Team! For details about the position visit hillcrestefc.org/jobs. To apply, please email your resume to office@hillcrestefc.org.

Hillcrest Highlights: If you would like to sign up for the church email list, visit hillcrestefc.org/email and join today!

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