

BE ENCOURAGED!

Broken Yet Beloved Message Series Week 1

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

September 14, 2025

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I can be encouraged because...

1. In Christ, I am a sanctified saint. (1 Corinthians 1:2)

“Paul is not talking about ‘experiential sanctification’ but ‘positional sanctification,’ which is not something believers are pursuing but something we already have from the moment of conversion.”

Daniel L. Akin and James Merritt, *Christ-Centered Exposition: Exalting Jesus in 1 Corinthians*, B&H Publishing Group, Brentwood, TN, 2023, p. 8.

“When you begin to understand the wonderful new identity and provision that is yours as his child, it really does change the way you think and the way you live. If he has granted you his full and complete acceptance, even on your worst day, then why should you seek to get your inner peace from the acceptance of a flawed human being? His present grace frees us from so much of the fear and control that distorts our relationships.”

Paul David Tripp, *New Morning Mercies*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2014, June 30.

2. In Christ, I have grace and peace. (1 Corinthians 1:3)

3. In Christ, I am not lacking any spiritual gift.

(1 Corinthians 1:7)

4. In Christ, I will be sustained to the end.

(1 Corinthians 1:8)

5. In Christ, I am guiltless. (1 Corinthians 1:8)

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21, NIV

6. In Christ, I have fellowship with Him. (1 Corinthians 1:9)

Summary of 1 Corinthians 1:1-9:

“In short, the basis for Paul’s encouragement to the Corinthian church is that their past, present, and future have been confirmed, declared, secured, enriched, and sustained in Christ.”

Stephen Um, *1 Corinthians*, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2015, p. 21.

Response:

Am I in Christ?

- If yes, remind yourself daily of the encouragement that is found in Christ and the gospel.
- If no, today “call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ” to be saved from God’s wrath and judgment.

*If you are a follower of Jesus, have you publicly professed your faith in baptism? If not, be baptized on Sunday, November 23. To find out more, fill out a Connection Card or email Aimee Conley at aconley@cbcpa.org.