

Message Notes

"Thankful?!?!? For what?!?!"

Scripture Passages

(taken from the New International Version)

Introduction – *"Something just doesn't seem right..."*

From 1 Corinthians 1:1-3, Acts 18

Paul the Church Planter

Paul the Leadership Developer

Sosthenes

Background to the book of 1st Corinthians

Corinth – the City

Corinth – the People

What Paul should do to this church!

Paul's reaction to this church that is keeping the fun in dysfunctional! (1 Cor 1:4a)

How could possibly be thankful for this messed up church?

1. The grace of Jesus was upon them. (1 Cor 1:4b)
2. Jesus gave them riches in every way ~ speech and mind. (1 Cor 1:5)
3. Jesus changed them through the message of His Gospel and transformation was evident in their lives (1 Cor 1:6)
4. Jesus was coursing through their spiritual veins (1 Cor 1:7)
5. Paul's trust was secure because of God's faithfulness (1 Cor 1:8-9)

Application – *"Who do you love?"*

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,
²To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: ³Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

⁴I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge—⁶because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. ⁷Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

Colossians 3:12-14

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

1 Peter 4:8b

Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.