

IN ALL THINGS

NEW YEAR, NEW PURPOSE

What are your hopes for 2021?

What has 2020 taught you?

Do you believe that God has been working through all things this past year?
Have you seen God work something good through something that seems bad?

The church in Corinth had some issues that Paul felt he needed to address. In just the first few verses Paul reminds them of God's involvement in all areas of their lives. God wants us to also be reminded that He is in "all things" in our lives as well.

In this lesson, we will examine the first nine verses of 1 Corinthians 1. In those verses, Paul identifies 5 areas of our life where God is at work.

AREA 1

1 Corinthians 1:1-2— Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, 2 To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

In his message this week, Pastor Chris stated that God has a purpose for you in all things.

What does it mean to have a "purpose?" **[A purpose is defined as "a reason for which something exists.]**

In verse 1, what did Paul say was his purpose? **["Called...to be an apostle of Christ Jesus."]**

Where did he say this calling came from? **[It was God's will.]**

What do you think God's purpose is for your life?

AREA 1: _____ is given through the _____ of God.

AREA 2

Read verse 2 again. Who did Paul say he was writing this letter to?

And how did Paul define a "saint?"

Do you consider yourself a "saint?"

AREA 2: _____ is given through the _____ of God.

AREA 3

1 Corinthians 1:4-6— I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, 5 that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge. 6 even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you

What gift did Paul say was given to the Christians in Corinth?

How did this gift effect their lives?

What was the result of their change? (v. 6)

Do you think that others notice a difference in you since you have made Christ the Lord of your life?

How has the grace of God changed you in your speech?

How has the grace of God changed the way you think?

The changes that God has made in you help equip you for service to Him. You honor God when you use your gift of grace. So....

AREA 3: _____ is given through the _____ of God.

AREA 4

1 Corinthians 1:7-8 — So that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What does the phrase “so that you are not lacking in any gift” say to you?

Does this mean you will always be the smartest, richest, best looking, or most talented person in the room?

What does verse 8 tell us God will do for us?

God’s greatest desire is that you spend eternity with Him in Heaven. Obstacles are not thrown at you to see if you are “worthy” to enter Heaven. None of us are worthy by our own merit. It is only through the sacrifice of Jesus that we are saved. Paul is stating in this verse that God is going to give us everything to keep our faith in tact that we might stand before God and be declared “guiltless” before Him. He wants to completely give us everything we need to succeed.

1 Corinthians 10:13 (NLT) — The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.

John 10:28-30 (NLT) — I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, 29 for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father’s hand. 30 The Father and I are one.”

What do these verses tell you about God’s protection when you go through difficulties?

AREA 4: _____ is given through the
_____ of God.

AREA 5

1 Corinthians 1:9 — God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Paul says, “God is _____.”

What does it mean to be “faithful?”

Can you list a way in which God has been faithful to you today?

To what does Paul say in this verse that we have been called?

What does “fellowship” mean to you?

Fellowship vs. Relationship

Your family is a group of people to which you are related by virtue of DNA. You have relationship with them, despite whether or not you know them well. Fellowship with them can only happen through steady interaction and doing life together.

Regularly attending Connection Point Church gives you relationship with others who attend. Fellowship with them only happens when you engage in small groups, serve together on a team, or gain a close person tie with another. Fellowship is that level that goes beyond relationship.

It is possible to have _____ without _____.

But you can't have _____ without _____.

What does it mean to have a relationship with Jesus?

What does it mean to have fellowship with Jesus?

AREA 5: _____ is given through the _____ of God.

GOD IN ALL THINGS

In summary, God is in your:

Purpose
Identity
Giftedness
Complete Capability
Fellowship

God wants to be in your _____!

PRAYER TIME

- Thank God for His desire to be part of every area of your life.
- Ask God to show you His desire for your purpose in life.
- Examine the situations that you are dealing with right now. Pray for God's strength to help you through these difficult times. Thank Him for His presence and your success.
- Commit to practicing those disciplines that build your faith and fellowship with God. (Prayer, daily Bible reading, regular church attendance, faithfulness to your small group, fellowship with small group and church members, etc.)
- Ask God to take you to a new level with Him this year.