

Sermon: Hello and Thanks!

Text: I Corinthians 1:1-9 ESV

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Introduction: The history of the Corinth area goes back thousands of years, a truly ancient city. It had seen many empires rise and fall, and in 146 B.C. the Romans destroyed the city of Corinth because it had led the Greek resistance to Roman rule. The city was rebuilt by Julius Caesar 100 years later, and it eventually became the capital of the province of Achaia.

So if we respond to God and His Word to us, all of us can have hope if we repent and follow Him faithfully. Let's look at how Paul starts with the Church in Corinth.

I. _____ (vv. 1-3)

- A. A description of the _____ (v. 1)
- B. _____ are universal and local (v. 2)
- C. God and Jesus, the source of _____ and _____ (v. 3)

II. _____ (vv. 4-9)

- A. Because of God's _____ (v. 4)
- B. For the _____ (v. 5)
- C. The Church's confirmed _____ (witness) (v. 6)
- D. For every _____ gift (v. 7a)
- E. For the Church's _____ (v. 7b-8)
- F. For God's _____ (v. 9a)
- G. For God's _____ (v. 9b)

Conclusion: Today, we have churches everywhere that are not perfect. We all have a lot of blind spots, but the solution is still clear from the book of Revelation. We must repent and put our faith not in human leaders so much, but the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ.

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1 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: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 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— 7 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. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.