

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Introduction:

1. The Writers

A. Paul

i. What is an Apostle?

a. an apostle—an apostle is a “sent one” or someone specially commissioned with a task.

b. 2 Corinthians 12:10-12 *Actually I should have been commended by you, for in no respect was I inferior to the most eminent apostles, even though I am a nobody. The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.*

c. 1 Corinthians 9:1-2 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

d. So Apostles have:

ii. By the will of God

a. "will" means wish or desire.

B. Sosthenes (Acts 18:17) He was possibly a leading member of the Corinthian synagogue. Likely he is serving as Paul's amanuensis.

2. Recipients

A. The church of God

B. At Corinth

The Church there was founded around AD 50 while Paul visited for a year.

C. Sanctified in Christ Jesus

i. You are made holy by Christ.;

a. 1 Corinthians 6:11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

b. **Heb 10:10 (accomplished), 10:14 (ongoing);**

c. Hebrews 13:12

ii. Ongoing sanctification; "Already, but Not yet"

D. Saints by calling

i. In Exodus God calls Israel out of Egypt.

- ii. Colossians 3:12 So, as those who have been ***chosen of God***, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;
- iii. 1 Peter 1:15-16 but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behaviour; because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

Conclusion: