

“The Christian’s Identity”

1 Cor. 1:1–9

Main Lesson: Do we know who we are as Christians? Do we live accordingly?

1. We are the church of God (v. 2). See 1 Cor. 6:19–20.

Are you taking care of your body?

Are you eating properly and exercising regularly?

Are you inflicting harm on your body?

Are you disfiguring your body?

Are you committing sexual immorality with your body?

Are you contemplating suicide (the destruction of the body)?

2. We are sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be saints (v. 2). See 1 Cor. 6:11.

What’s the difference between positional and practical sanctification?

Are we living like those whom God has set apart?

What should this look like?

3. We call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (v. 2). See 1 Cor. 4:7.

Does a spirit of legalism still lurk within your heart? Does a spirit of entitlement still

captivate your mind? Do you think you’ve merited God’s grace more than others have?

How do you know? Are you motivated by contempt or compassion in your dealings with others?

4. We are the recipients of God’s grace and peace (v. 3). See 1 Cor. 10:13.

Are you discouraged? Do you feel like giving up? Are you tired and weary? Are there troubles in your life that you can’t fix? How is Paul’s statement a source of encouragement?

5. We are enriched in Christ (vv. 4–6). See 1 Cor. 12:7.

Are you using your gift(s)?

Are you contributing to the edification of the church?

Do you see this as one of your chief callings in life?

6. We wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ (v. 7). See 1 Cor. 15:22–23.

What does “waiting” look like?

How does God sustain us while we wait?

What is our hope? How’s this a source of spiritual strength?

7. We are sustained to the end, when we will be declared guiltless (v. 8). See 1 Cor. 15:57–58.

God is in control, and unperturbed by the apparent chaos on earth. He doesn't fret, panic, or worry. He carries out His perfect plan. We celebrate Him as King, no matter what crises we face. The terrors of the world cannot overpower us. The troubles of the world cannot overcome us. The temptations of the world cannot overwhelm us.

8. We are called into the fellowship of Jesus Christ our Lord (v. 9). See 1 Cor. 1:30–31.

What does it mean to be ingrafted us into Christ?

How is Christ our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption?

What are we boasting in?