

Crazy Calling
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
September 5, 2021

I. What Is the Church (V. 1-3)?

- A. The church is a _____ people.
- B. The church is a _____ people.
- C. The church is a _____ people.

II. What Does That Mean for Its Members (V. 4-9)?

- A. They are able to _____ and _____ about God.
- B. They are able to see their testimonies _____.
- C. They receive _____ for building up the church.
- D. They will be _____ to the end.

Group Discussion Questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-9.
2. What are the implications of Paul's statement in verse 2 about the church consisting of those sanctified in Christ? Should all members of a local church be Christians? Shouldn't church membership be open to anyone who wants it? Why?
3. What is the difference between simply being a saint and being a saint together with others, as Paul mentions in verse 2? Do individual Christians have to have this kind of relationship with other Christians? Why?
4. What do you think it means to have your testimony of Jesus Christ confirmed? For help, consider 2 Peter 1:5-11. What would it look like for your testimony of Christ to be confirmed?
5. Are knowledge of God, speech about God, and spiritual gifts inherent to every local church, as Paul seems to imply in verse 5-7?
6. Ask group members who have studied 1-2 Corinthians before to list some of the problems in the church they remember. How on earth could Paul say church members this dysfunctional would be sustained to the end, guiltless on the day of judgment? What does that tell you about dysfunctional churches today?
7. Pray for our church, that we would take comfort in our security in Jesus Christ. Consider coming to tonight's Zoom prayer meeting at 7 pm. Register on the church website to be emailed the Zoom link.

Church Bible Reading Plan

Bible Reading Plan: Jeremiah 1-3

September Memory Verses: Jeremiah 2:12-13

Jeremiah 29:11-13

11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. 12 Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. 13 You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart.

BEFORE Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

If you have not done so already, register from the www.apollobaptist.org home page by clicking the image for the Prayer Meeting. Your current registration will last through TONIGHT only. After that, you will need to re-register for the next quarter. Register with your name and email address.

Click on the emailed Zoom link at the time of the Prayer Meeting.

Sunday Night Prayer Meeting:

- PRAYING for the people of Afghanistan, the spread of the gospel there, and the safe resettlement of those fleeing the Taliban.

Pray for Our Church Family Needs:

- PRAY for missions and missionaries
- PRAY for all our students: elementary, middle school, high school and college, as they return to school. No matter whether they return to the classroom, an on-line setting, or a home school setting our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- Family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus
- Families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones
Tom M. (mom), Nataleen W. (brother)
- Those struggling with on-going health and other issues:
Mary C. (serious cancer issues), Michelle L. (constant pain issues, waiting on results from an MRI), Debbie P. (broke her leg and is now in rehab, still cannot put full weight on that leg), Twyla D. (had a stroke and now has a weakened right side), Linda C. (fell at the funeral of her nephew and broke her shoulder, also when they came back from the funeral their house had been flooded for several days), Marcia H. (increasingly homebound), Ruthie C. (no more driving due to vision issues)
- Others that you are aware of