I Corinthians 1

***The church at Corinth was corrupted church. Some of its members were guilty of sexual immorality; others got drunk; many in the church used the grace of God to excuse sinful living.***

* It was also a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ church, with at least four different groups competing for leadership. (1 Cor. 1:12)
* Corinth was also full of many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ teachers.
  + Many travelling teachers promoting their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ came through Corinth.
  + Unfortunately, many of the false teachings were applied to the gospel by some members of the church, and this cultivated \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 1:18-32)
* When you have arrogant stubborn people justified by human wisdom, the lifestyle of the world fulfills their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for sin.
  + Problems inside the church were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
  + To point the church in the right direction Paul opened his letter by reminding them of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Christ.

***If we are Christ’s possession, we are…***

* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be righteous not religious. (1:1-9)
* Paul first addressees the problem of **sin** in the church, yet he said nothing about the problem itself.
* He took the positive approach and reminded the believers of their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ position in Christ.
  + Every follower of Christ (the church) is a saint they have been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_by God and for God.(vs. 1-3)
* All true believers are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by God’s grace. (vs. 4-6)
* The Church should eagerly expect Jesus to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 7)
* Each believer must depend on God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 8-9)
* called into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with fellow believers. (1:10-25)
  + Is Christ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_? (vs. 10-13a)
  + The verb literally means, Has Christ been divided, and different parts handed out to different people?
* There is one Savior and one \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. (Gal. 1:6-9)
* He called his readers \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, reminding them that they belonged to one family.
* Their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_was found in the name of Jesus Christ.
* Were you baptized in the name of Paul? (vs. 13b-17)
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to glorify and honor God. (1:26-31)
* God’s grace leaves no room for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ about personal achievements.
  + God is not captivated personal appearance, social position, achievements, a person’s last name, or financial status.
  + Paul had to remind them of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ they were. (v. 26)
* God called them, not because of who they were, but in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of it!
* Paul reminded the Corinthians of \_\_\_\_\_\_ God called them. (vs. 27-29)
  + God chose the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to show the proud world their need and His grace.
  + The lost world exalts birth, social status, financial success, power, and recognition.
  + None of these things can grant a person \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ life.
* The spiritual blessings that we need are not thoughts or grand ideas that elude our grasp; they are all in a person, Jesus Christ.
  + He is our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.** (Col. 2:3)
  + He is our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.** (2 Cor. 5:21)
  + He is our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.** (John 17:19)
  + He is our \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.** (Rom. 3:24)

So What Now?

Because we are Christs very own possession, we are…

* created to be righteous not religious.
  + Your attempts on your own to be righteous will never work.
* called into unity and friendship with fellow believers.
  + We must fight for unity in our church!
* crafted to glorify and honor God.
  + The church is designed to bring glory to God.
  + We do so by being unified and living apart from sin.