

I Corinthians - Lesson 01

I Corinthians Chapter 1

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Memory verses for this week: *1 Pet 2:15 For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:*

Introduction: We begin a new study on the book of I Corinthians this week. This is a great book containing the first of the two letters Paul wrote to the church there in Corinth. This church was known for some good traits but overall was a carnal church. This letter was written to encourage the church to correct the problems and to move forward for the Lord.

Paul had begun this work (see Acts 18) and preached and taught there for 1 ½ years. Corinth was one of the largest cities in the ancient world. During this time, Corinth's population exceeded 700,000 people and was known for the people worshipping the goddess Aphrodite. Aphrodite was the Greek name for the same god Venus that the Romans worshipped. In about the year 54 A.D. Paul arrived in this wicked city. If a church could be established in this vile city, then surely one could be established anywhere else. We need to remember the Scripture which says, Is anything too hard for the LORD? (Genesis 18:14)

Corinth devoted itself to commerce, so that they were sometimes criticized for worshipping the almighty dollar. When Sparta and Athens fell before Phillip of Macedon, the father of Alexander the Great, Corinth came to the front, and was the chief city of Greece under both Phillip and Alexander, his son. It was a city of great importance until the Roman general captured and destroyed it. It lay desolated for over a hundred years. Julius Caesar, the Roman Emperor, rebuilt it a short time before he died. Rome conferred great privileges on it, by making it a free city. At the time of Christ it was one of the most important cities in the world.

The Jews, of course, came to Corinth because of its commercial advantages. About the time that Paul got there, there was an unusual number of Jews in Corinth, because the Roman emperor had just banished them from Rome. Aquila and Priscilla, a noted Christian couple, had just come from Rome to Corinth under that decree. The Greeks and Romans were also there in great numbers. There were more slaves than in any other place in proportion to the population. Many slaves were among Paul's converts.

I. The Believers Position in Grace

1 Cor 1:1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

In the letter to Thessalonica, Paul just identified himself and says he is writing unto the church. Here, he first identifies himself as an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God. Someone had thought to undermine Paul's influence by denouncing his apostleship.

1 Cor 9:16 For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

1 Cor 1:2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

1 Cor 1:3 Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

While addressed to the church there in Corinth, Paul meant it to a greater audience as he says to "them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus... in every place". Each of us should take this a personal letter and realize the teachings are relevant to all of us. The warnings are still valid to all of us today. Paul identifies those who had this letter written to them as those that are "sanctified" and "saints." Sanctification has several biblical significations:

Primarily it means to set apart

In one instance, the word "sanctification" is used as an equivalent of regeneration. (1 Peter 1:2)

The third sense is limited to what is called the doctrine of sanctification is distinguished from justification and regeneration. In this doctrinal aspect, it is the progressive work of making completely holy that new life which commenced at regeneration.

In Athens Paul preached an eloquent message with little success, but in Corinth he simply proclaimed the gospel with great success.

1 Cor. 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified..

Paul finds fellow laborers.

Rom. 16:3-4 Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: 4 Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

2Ti 4:19 Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus.

Priscilla and Aquila were all tentmakers. Paul came from this background and worked with them for a time to make a living. I think it speaks well of a pastor or worker in God's work that is not afraid to be willing to work to help support themselves. Some missionaries want to have 100% of their support before they are willing to go to their mission fields. If God has called you, He will provide for you, even if it requires a little manual effort on your part to meet the budget.

Acts 20:34-35, 34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. 35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

2Th 3:7 For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you;

2Th 3:8 Neither did we eat any man's bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you:

Later on Paul confessed that he had robbed other churches in order to spare the Corinthian Church.

2Co 11:5 For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles.

2Co 11:6 But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been throughly made manifest among you in all things.

2Co 11:7 Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely?

2Co 11:8 I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service.

II. The Thanksgiving

1 Cor 1:4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

Paul give his thanks to God for the good that there is in the church before he deals with the evil. While they may have had problems, be sure God was using the good to accomplish His will. Paul thanked the Lord for the grace of God that had been given the church by Christ Jesus.

1 Cor 1:5 That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;

1 Cor 1:6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

Paul thanked God that this church had been enriched in everything. All of us receive special blessings from the Lord when we are saved, and all those in true churches of the Lord are blessed for following God's will. After salvation, the first command we have is to follow our Lord in spiritual baptism. This baptism is

the entry way into membership of the church. Paul was always willing to try and reach the people at hand to who they were where they were.

Rom 1:14 *I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.*

Rom 1:15 *So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.*

Rom 1:16 *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

Paul preached where the Jews were.

Act 14:1 *And it came to pass in Iconium, that they went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed.*

Act 14:2 *But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.*

Paul always pressed home the fact that Jesus was the Messiah.

II Cor. 5:14 *For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:*

Act 20:18 *And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,*

Act 20:19 *Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews:*

Act 20:20 *And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publickly, and from house to house,*

Act 20:21 *Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Paul was pushed out when they rejected the message.

Act 19:8 *And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.*

Act 19:9 *But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.*

1 Cor 1:7 *So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:*

1 Cor 1:8 *Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

God had blessed many of the members, and they came behind no church in gifts from the Lord. While they had many spiritual gifts, they did not use them to become a spiritual church that was known for its faithfulness to God's

commands. Christ was the one who would confirm them unto the end. It is He who will present us spotless from sin before God one day.

III. A Threefold Unity

1 Cor 1:9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Cor 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

God's desire for every church is that they speak the same thing and have unity in belief. Secondly, He desires that there be no divisions among them. We should have the same mind, with both unity in purpose and unity in action. The mind we should have is the mind of Jesus Christ.

The Lord encourages Paul in these verses.

II Tim. 4:17 Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.

Isa 54:17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD.

Act 15:15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

Act 15:16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

Act 15:17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

Act 15:18 Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.

IV. Contentions Among the Church at Corinth

1 Cor 1:11 For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

1 Cor 1:12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

Paul had heard of the problems that had befallen the church by one of the faithful

members, those of the house of Chloe. It appears that many were divided in leadership, with many following Apollos while others followed Cephas. (others Paul.) Apparently, Apollos could speak with eloquent words and was mighty in the Scriptures. In comparison, Paul was criticized for his manner of ability.

Acts 18:24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.

Acts 18:25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.

2 Cor 10:10 For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.

Paul did not give up when things got hard but showed great tenacity. He stayed on the job for 18 months. His efforts were not in vain as many were saved and baptized. This is when the church in Corinth began to seek God and follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit. But it was not easy, and he faced a lot of trials. If we want to do something for the Lord, be sure we will face trials and adversity.

II Tim. 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

1 Cor 1:13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

1 Cor 1:14 I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;

1 Cor 1:15 Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.

1 Cor 1:16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

1 Cor 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

Paul condemns these factions and questions “Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you?” Paul had not baptized very man of these Corinthians and he was glad that he had not lest they should say Paul baptized in his own name. We are to baptize in the name of God, the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

A false charge was brought against Paul.

Acts 6:13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law:

Acts 24:5, For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of sedition among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the

Nazarenes:

Angry Greeks brought the ruler of the synagogue before the judgment seat and beat him. Later on he was converted to Christianity.

I Cor. 1:1, 23 *1 Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, 23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; 24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.*

The judge refused to hear the case against Paul. Paul was determined to do God's will in his life and see the church go forward for the honor and glory of Christ.

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Mat 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

V. The Preaching of the Cross

1 Cor 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

To those who reject Christ and perish, the preaching of the cross is foolishness unto them. God could have chosen any way He wanted to save the lost, but He chose the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. It was by the cross that Paul had been crucified unto the world.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Paul said that we would have God forbid that he should glory in himself, but his glory was to be in the cross of Jesus Christ. Paul remained there in Corinth for sometime with success. When he left, Priscilla and Aquila went with him.

Adam Clarke said this about verse 18.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross - The doctrine of the cross; or the

doctrine that is of or concerning the cross; that is, the doctrine that proclaims salvation to a lost world through the crucifixion of Christ.

Is to them that perish foolishness - There are, properly speaking, but two classes of men known where the Gospel is preached: the unbelievers and gainsayers, who are perishing; and the obedient believers, who are in a state of salvation. To those who will continue in the first state, the preaching of salvation through the merit of a crucified Savior is folly. To those who believe this doctrine of Christ crucified is the power of God to their salvation; it is divinely efficacious to deliver them from all the power, guilt, and pollution of sin.

VI. The Believers Fleshly State in Contention

1Co 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

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This letter was written to the Church at Corinth to correct the sins in that Church. Every chapter rebukes them for some sin that they are guilty of. This Church had been established in a wicked city and now the wicked sins of that city had been brought into the church. Things have not changed a lot 2,000 years later as this is the same kind of problem we are facing today. The believers standing is "in Christ" and is therefore secure. But the believer's state (or earthly condition) may be entirely different. This was true of the Church at Corinth. It is the task of every believer to seek to bring their state as near to their standing as possible.

In verse 10, Paul makes his plea in the name of Christ. He pleads for unity in speech and unity in mind. He also pleads for unity in judgment.

In verses 11 and 12, Paul tried to get rid of the contentions in the church where they were following after men. This caused strife and wrangling. The church is not about popularity contests and deciding who you like the best and who you want to follow. There is to be ONE followed, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. All the rest of us are simply helpers, teachers, and encouragers. None are to seek a name or seek a lofty position. Any praise that comes should be directed towards the Lord, not man. The church in Corinth had a fan club mentality and it will destroy a church. There is no evidence that Paul, Apollos, Cephas, or Christ ever encouraged such conduct. (There is no evidence that Cephas was ever in Corinth, but his ministry must have been well known). How sad when people divide up over personalities in the Church.

1Co 3:3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

1Co 3:4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

1Co 3:5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?

1Co 3:6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

Note that Christ is not divided, and His people should not be. He was the one that was crucified. Notice that Paul pointed out how they were "brethren" and that they were to be "perfectly joined."

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Paul pleads for the church to view baptism correctly. It is simply our doorway into membership of the church. They had all been baptized in the name of Christ and not in the name of some man. Paul goes on to point out that he had baptized very few in this Church. Evidently some were boasting because of the man that baptized them. This was wrong. Paul understood what baptism was about, and he did not minimize baptism, but he taught that converts should be baptized. He let Timothy, Silas, and other preachers who were traveling with him do the baptizing. Today, only the church can give authority to baptize to an individual. Even the pastor much receive authority to baptize from the church. Men are not free to go out and baptize those who accept the Lord.

Acts 18:8, And Crispus, the chief ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized.

1Co 1:17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

1 Cor 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

As believers of the Lord Jesus Christ, our standard is the cross of calvary. Paul to the church that his calling was to preach the Gospel and that alone. He was not sent to baptize, but to preach the gospel. This destroys the doctrine of those that make baptism a part of the gospel and a requirement of salvation. Paul pointed out in verse 17 that the wisdom of words detracts from the influence of the Cross of Christ. To the unbelieving the preaching of the cross is foolishness, but to us who believe it is the power of God.

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unto them. God could have chosen any way He wanted to save the lost, but He chose the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe. It was by the cross that Paul had been crucified unto the world.

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1 Cor 1:19 For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

1 Cor 1:20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

1 Cor 1:21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

The wisdom of this world is headed for destruction. The god of human wisdom and learning is headed for judgment.

Isa. 29:14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

God has made foolish the wisdom of this world. Wisdom has never saved anyone. It is the preaching of the gospel that saves. The Corinthian believers with their Grecian background were prone to look to man made wisdom, and not the wisdom that cometh down from above.

James 3:15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. 16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

1 Cor 1:22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

1 Cor 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

1 Cor 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

1 Cor 1:25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the

weakness of God is stronger than men.

Paul had one purpose and that was to preach Christ crucified. Verse 22 says the Jews required a sign. Many today are looking for miracles, signs and wonders.

John 2:18 Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

The Greeks sought after Wisdom. Today many seek after science, learning, and man made knowledge, apart from the wisdom of God.

Acts 17:18 Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans, and of the Stoicks, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection. 19 And they took him, and brought him unto Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, is? 20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. 21 (For all the Athenians and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

The message of Christ crucified was rejected by the Jews and the Greeks, but the called, the saved, these see Christ as the power and wisdom of God. God's ways are not our ways, and God is far above these foolish men.

VIII. The Corinthian Believers were not of the Wise

1 Cor 1:26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

1 Cor 1:27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

1 Cor 1:28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

1 Cor 1:29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.

Paul told the church in verse 25 that God hath not chosen many wise men of the world into the ministry. Only a few wise, mighty, and noble are called by God. Why is this? Because if they were called, both they and their followers would give them the glory and not God.

1Co 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

1Co 3:18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

1Co 3:19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

God has chosen the foolish and the weak, that the unbelievers might be confounded.

Psa. 8:2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

Matt. 4:18 And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers.

The purpose of this is stated clearly in verse 29. "That no flesh might glory in God's presence."

2Co 4:5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.

2Co 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2Co 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

1 Cor 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

1 Cor 1:31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Our lack is made up for by what we have in Christ. We lack so much from the natural standpoint, but we have so much because of Him. We lack wisdom, but Christ is made unto us wisdom.

Col. 2:3 In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

In ourselves, we lack righteousness, but Christ is made unto us righteousness.

2 Cor. 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

We lack sanctification, but Christ is made unto us sanctification.

John 17:19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

We lack redemption, so Christ was made unto us redemption.

Rom. 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

These Corinthians had the wrong opinion about wisdom and its purpose. Worldly wisdom will never save one individual. Only the blood of Jesus can save a lost soul. God chose the foolish things of the world to confound the wise so that no flesh might glory in His sight.

J. Vernon McGee had this to say about these verses.

“Paul is not saying the people in the church were weak, but in their estimation of the world they were weak. This is God’s method. He even chooses the base things of the world to accomplish His ends. We have nothing to glory about. Oh my friend, He is everything that we need. I wish I could get that over to you. He has been made to us wisdom. He is our righteousness. He is our sanctification and our redemption.

Whatever it is that you need today, you will find it in Him. Our glory should be in the Lord. We should glory in the Lord Jesus Christ today. Let me ask you, what do you glory in? What are you boasting of today? Are you boasting of your degrees? Of your wisdom? Of your wealth? Of your power? Are you boasting today of your position and your character? My friend, you don’t have a thing of which you can boast—and I know I haven’t. But we can boast of Christ. He is everything. He is everything that we need.”

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