Empowering and Sustaining Grace 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

April 30, 2023

Four operations of God's grace in our lives as those called to be saints:

1.	We were enriched in every way in Christ (4-5)
2.	The testimony about Christ was confirmed among us (6)
3.	We are not lacking in any spiritual gift (7)
4.	We will be sustained to the end, guiltless in the day of Christ (8-9)

Next week: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Discussion Questions

The following questions are designed to be used by parents in discussing the sermon with their children, but can be used by anyone in discussing the sermon with others:

- 1. What stood out to you in this sermon? Why?
- 2. Who is mentioned in every verse of this passage? Find all the references to Him.
- 3. What is God's grace?
- 4. What is "the testimony about Christ" (verse 6)?
- 5. What are some of the spiritual gifts that believers receive (verse 7)?
- 6. What is "the day of our Lord Jesus Christ" (verse 8)? What will happen then?
- 7. What does it mean that God is faithful? How has He shown Himself faithful in the past?
- 8. To whom do these verses apply? How can you receive the blessings spoken of in this passage?

Going Deeper:

These questions are designed for the believer to use in prayer with his/her Lord, and in discussion with brothers and sisters in the Lord:

- 1. How did this sermon challenge your thinking, or grow your understanding?
- 2. Does this passage have more to do with us as a church, or as individual believers? Explain.
- 3. Why is it important for us to understand, believe, and be mindful that we have been enriched in every way in Christ (verse 5)?
- 4. How can we be confident that God will sustain us to the end, guiltless in the day of Christ?
- 5. Why is it important for us to understand, believe, and be mindful that God will sustain us to the end?
- 6. How should this passage affect how we relate to God, and how we relate to each other in the church?
- 7. What is the primary way you should be affected by this sermon this week?