

Truth for the Troubled Church
1 Corinthians: 1:4-9

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Paul will spend most of this letter to the Corinthians correcting errors, but here at the beginning he describes how thankful he is for them (vs 4). Do you find it easier to show gratitude or to offer correction? Why?
3. What effect does gratitude have, both for the person who gives and receives gratitude?
4. What percentage of your prayer time would you estimate is spent in thanksgiving for others? Why is that (or is it not) an appropriate amount?
5. In what way should (or should not) Christians today expect to be "enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge" (vs 5), and "not lacking in any gift" (vs 7)?
6. Paul reassures the Corinthians that they will be "blameless" (vs 8) before Jesus. What impact does it have to know that as a Christian, despite the mistakes you have made, you too will be blameless before Christ (see also 1 Thess. 3:13 and Hebrews 9:28)?
7. What changes could you (or do you need to) make in your life in light of the grace you have been given?
8. Verse 9 tells us that, "God is faithful". What other character traits accurately describe God? Use Scripture references when possible.
9. How have you seen God's faithfulness lived out in your life recently?