

SERMON NOTES

Title: Trusting God in an Imperfect Church
Text: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
Date: 06/29/08

Introduction:

- A. The epistle of 1 Corinthians is all about being a yeast-free church.
1 Corinthians 5:7 (NIV)
- B. The Apostle Paul made his first visit to Corinth on his second missionary journey.

Body:

- I. In first century, Corinth was one of the most important cities in Greece.
 - A. Corinth lay on an isthmus on the southwestern corner of Greece.
 - B. The mixed, cosmopolitan populace generated many religious shrines.
- II. In the opening verses Paul gives us a profound definition of the Christian Church.
1 Corinthians 1:1 (NIV)
 - A. It is first of all *the church of God*.
 - B. The church of God is made up of those who are “sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy.”
 - C. God has called us to be holy.
1 Peter 1:15-16 (NIV), 1 Peter 1:15-16 (NIV)
But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶for it is written: "Be holy, because I am
- III. Here was a church that had been enriched by God in every way.
1 Cor. 1:4-9 (NIV)
 - A. As the church of God, we stand in that position only by His grace.
 - B. The Corinthian church had received abundant grace.

Conclusion:

- A. I want you to give careful attention to this last sentence in our text.
1 Cor. 1:9 (NIV)
- B. What goes for the church goes for the individual Christian.