

TITLE AND NUMBER: 115. God's grace



REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S): 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

LOOKING FURTHER: Jude v24

What does this Bible passage tell us?

We all like to be thanked and encouraged when we do something worthwhile. How would you feel if every time someone thought of you, they would thank God for you? Isn't that amazing!

In today's passage, Paul is thanking God for the Christians in Corinth. Not for what they have done themselves, but for the fact that God's grace (His undeserved blessing) has been given to them as a free gift.

Paul goes on to say that they have changed in every way, because of what God has done in their lives, by His Holy Spirit. This proved that Paul's original Gospel message to them was true. Their speech, behaviour and knowledge of Jesus Christ has been totally transformed. The Corinthian people as a whole had a reputation for outlandish and bad behaviour. But the people who Paul was writing to had changed completely. How delighted do you think they felt when they read what Paul was saying about them?

The great news is that this can be true of us, too. We can be changed by the power of God.

So what does all this mean for us? Well, nothing is impossible with God! He gives His gifts freely to people as they put their trust in Him. As we press on in our walk with Jesus, He will enable us to faithfully follow Him until the end of our time here on earth. And the best bit? We will be blameless when we stand before God. There will be no guilt or condemnation, but a life in glory for eternity.

How do we know that this is true? Because 'God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord' (v9). **God cannot lie!**

Reflections:

- What you have read in the passage today can be true for you. How do you feel knowing that your life in eternity can be secure when you put your trust in Jesus?
- Being blameless before God is too good to keep to yourself. Tell others about it.
- If you want to talk more about today's study, then do seek help from Chaplaincy.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.

BLAMELESS



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

