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Digging deeper: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 (Partnership)

Slide 1 (10 min)

Read about Paul's first encounter with the people of Corinth in Acts 18:1-18.

- Where had Paul traveled from?
- Who did he first meet in Corinth and what do you find interesting about their background?
- Describe his opposition.
- What were his victories?
- How long did he stay with the people in Corinth teaching them?

Slide 2 (5 min)

- What could have been some dangers of people associating with this group of believers (this "new" church)?
- *Sift through* verses 1-7 and list all the benefits the individuals in this church have.

Slide 3 (10 min)

- According to verse 8, **is** there a possibility that these believers could *fail* at being blameless when the Lord returns? (Jude 1:24, 1 Thessalonians 5:19-24, Romans 8:1)
- What is the importance of being "invited" into *partnership* with Jesus Christ, the Lord? How does this tie into verse 8?
- How does this give you assurance of having everything you need as a Christian to walk a "successful" walk of obedience?

Observations:

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Read about Paul's first encounter with the people of Corinth in Acts 18:1-18.

- Where had he traveled from? (Athens)
- Who did he first meet in Corinth and what do you find interesting about their background? (Jews *deported from* Rome named Aquila and Pricilla who had a shared profession of tentmaking and they would travel with Paul to Syria on his missionary journey – v18)
- Describe his opposition. (v8 the Jews he couldn't convince about Jesus Messiah. V12 Jews rose up and brought false accusations to the Corinthian Governor)
- What were his victories? (he gained 2 trusted companions, the Lord's encouragement to stay there and teach, a Jewish synagogue leader Crispus and his entire household believed in Christ Jesus and were baptized)
- How long did he stay with the people in Corinth teaching them? (over 1.5 years)

Slide 2 (5 min)

- What could have been some dangers of people associating with this group of believers (this "new" church)? (opposition from the Jews, rising persecution)
- *Sift through* verses 1-7 and list all the benefits the individuals in this church have. (God's church, called by God to be His holy people, they are made holy, they belong to Christ Jesus, God enriched them with eloquent words, knowledge, and every spiritual gift needed.)

Slide 3 (10 min)

- According to verse 8, is there a possibility that these believers could *fail* at being blameless when the Lord returns? (Jude 1:24, 1 Thessalonians 5:19-24, Romans 8:1) (No, our position and "standing" in Christ is assured; even if they/we fail and are sinful, their/our identity in Christ is secure. Eternal rewards, however, can be jeopardized.)
- What is the importance of being "invited" into *partnership* with Jesus Christ, the Lord? How does this tie into verse 8? (It's *not* meaning that we can accept or reject this invitation. It means we have been placed into fellowship w/Christ. They have everything they need as believers to grow in Christ and 'take off' the sinful self.)
- How does this give you assurance of having everything you need as a Christian to walk a "successful" walk of obedience? (I do! I have everything I need to be successful, even the Holy Spirit to guide and convict me, and also the power to say, "no" to sin.)