

First, the Good News

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

(series #3)

Introduction: the problems in the Corinthian church

I. The Past vv. 4-6

- A. The grace of God had been given to them
- 1 Cor. 6:9-11**

- B. This grace came “by” or “in” Christ Jesus**

- C. The Corinthians were enriched by the gospel**
 - 1. Ephesians 1:3**
 - 2. 2 Corinthians 8:9**

- D. The testimony of Christ was confirmed in them**

II. The Present v. 7a

- A. They had been gifted by the Holy Spirit to serve**

- B. They had all the gifts operative in their midst**

III. The Future vv. 7b-9

- A. They were eagerly waiting for the Savior
- Philippians 3:20-21**

- B. They were confirmed or preserved to the end
- John 10:27-30**

- C. They had been called into the fellowship**
 - 1. Romans 8:30**
 - 2. 2 Timothy 1:9**