

OUR GLORIOUS POSITION IN CHRIST

1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

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- In this text, Paul very clearly reiterates where these believers were positionally:
 - Positionally, they were _____. 1:2
 - Christ is mentioned in every one of the first nine verses.
- This was their true identity, but these Corinthians had failed to remember the glorious, exalted position they had been given in Christ, and their lives showed it.
- What does our glorious position in Christ mean?

First, in Christ we are _____ vs. 2

- This means that believers are purified and _____ apart by God.

Second, in Christ we are called to be _____ vs. 2

- The church is composed of saints.
- *"Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons." Philippians 1:1*
- We do not become saints because of what we _____; we become saints because of our position in Christ.

Third, in Christ we are recipients of God's _____ . vs. 3-4

- These Corinthians had come from wicked, immoral, and sinful backgrounds, but now they are saints in Christ. How can you explain this? "...*the _____ of God which is given you by Jesus Christ.*"

Fourth, in Christ we are _____ . vs. 5-6

- This word "enriched" means "to make _____."
- If you are in Christ, you are spiritually rich.
- "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.*" **Ephesians 1:3**
- "*For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel.*" **Colossians 1:5**

Fifth, in Christ we are _____ into Christ's fellowship. vs. 7-9

- Christ is _____ back for you personally and will confirm you blameless before God, so that you can spend all eternity with Him.