

MESSAGE GUIDE

REBOOT: How God Provides for Our Spiritual Success

1 Corinthians 1:4-9



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CONNECT

- Whether it be in the garage, the kitchen, or somewhere else, what is one of your favorite tools/gadgets to get things accomplished?

STUDY

1 Corinthians 1:4-9 is the second part of Paul's introduction to his letter to the Corinthian church. As he did in the first part, Paul affirms all that God has done on their behalf. Not only has God fully saved them, He also has supplied them that they may grow in living for Him. Read through 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 and then spend some time processing the key points with the following questions:

- In verse 4, Paul writes of this thankfulness that God has bestowed grace upon the Corinthians. What are some ways God shows grace to people? Why does He show grace to us?
- Look at verse 5. How had God enriched the Corinthian church? How did these things help build the body up?
- Paul wrote in verse 7 that the Corinthians "lacked no spiritual gift." What was he talking about? What are gifts and what is their use?
- Paul closes out the introduction with some words of assurance in verses 8-9. What is it that Paul writes that is so comforting and reassuring? Is what Paul wrote to the Corinthians true for all believers?

- Look back at Paul's introduction (*1 Corinthians 1:1-9*) and reflect upon the different ways Paul sought to encourage and affirm the Corinthians.

APPLY

- Why do you think Paul feels the need to start his letter to the Corinthians with such words of affirmation when it came to their standing with God?
- How does it make you feel to know that God does not base His love and acceptance of you upon your performance?
- What types of things does God provide so the members of His church might be built up in maturity and usefulness? Just because God provides these tools, does that guarantee we will use them? Are there any tools God supplies that you are not taking full advantage of?
- Paul ends his introduction with an exhortation regarding God's faithfulness to see us through to the end, even when we sometimes act without faith. How does that make you feel to know God will complete what He began in you? Is it possible for a person to be tempted to take advantage of God's graciousness? If I am secure in Christ's unconditional love, how will I behave? Will I live a sinful life for myself or will I live a godly life of gratitude for Christ?
- Review 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 and list out reasons God deserves our worship and praise.