

1 Corinthians 1:2-3

The Centrality of who we are in Relation to Others

Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
(1 Cor. 1:1-3 NKJV)

SEEING WHAT'S THERE: The Centrality of Who We Are in Relation to Others

The roots of our God-centered self-understanding will go much deeper if we can answer these two questions:

- 1) What happened in the past to make you a Christian?
- 2) What will happen in the future to keep you a Christian?

1. NEW _____

2. NEW _____

3. NEW _____

Application Questions

1. The word church means “a called-out people.” Each church has two addresses: a geographic address (“at Corinth”) and a spiritual address (“in Christ Jesus”). You are part of a local body of believers “at Mason”. Part of a team!

How can remembering that you are part of a team help you grow in your relationship with God?

2. In what practical way can you remind yourself that God has “set you apart” for his use in this world?

What habits, behaviors, or associations exist in your life that stand in conflict to your calling?

What steps will you take to bridge the existing gaps between your calling and your daily life?

3. What comfort do you find in knowing that “He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Cor 1:8-9 NIV)