

# Christ

in 1 Corinthians



# 1 Corinthians 1:1-31

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Paul, **called by the will of God** to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup> To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, **called to be saints** together with all those who in every place **call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**, both their Lord and ours:

<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge – <sup>6</sup> even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you – <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup> who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom you were **called into the fellowship of his Son**, Jesus Christ our Lord.





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<sup>10</sup> I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup> For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup> What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." <sup>13</sup> Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup> I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup> so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup> (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup> For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.



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<sup>18</sup> For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.





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<sup>26</sup> For **consider your calling**, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup> And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup> so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."



# Outline

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- We are called to be saints (v. 2)
- We are called into the fellowship of Christ (vs. 7-17)
- We are called by God's grace (vs. 1, 26-30)





# We are called to be saints

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*1:2 – “to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints”*



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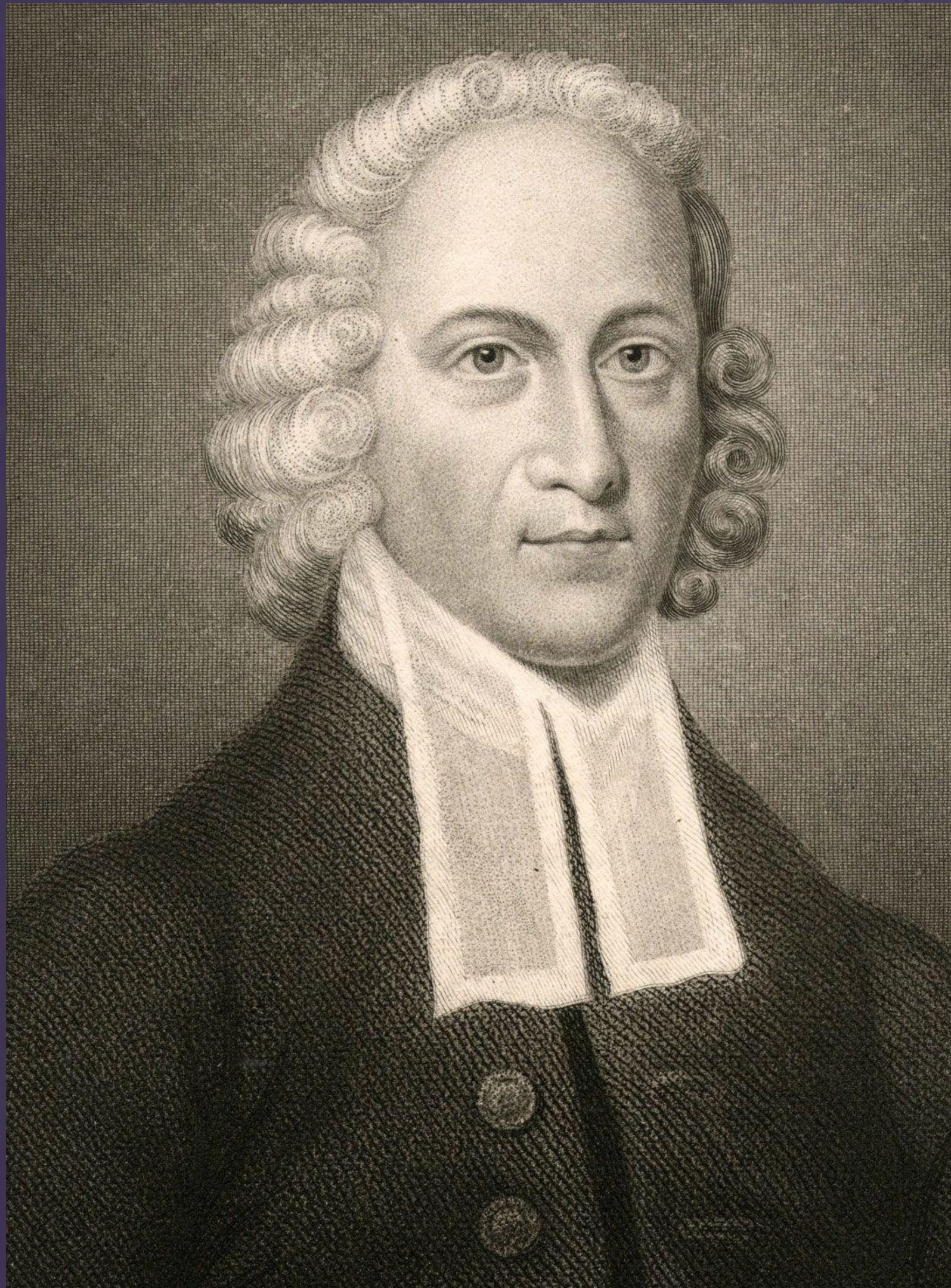
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1:2 – *“to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints”*

- 2 Timothy 1:9 – *[God] saved us and called us to a holy calling...*
- 1 Peter 1:15-16 – *<sup>15</sup> but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”*







“Holiness is the most beautiful and lovely thing. We drink in strange notions of holiness from our childhood, as if it were a melancholy, morose, sour and unpleasant thing; but there is nothing in it but what is sweet and ravishingly lovely. It is the highest beauty and amiableness, vastly above all other beauties...it makes the soul a little, sweet and delightful image of the blessed Jehovah.”



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- We are becoming saints





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- Hebrews 10:14 – *For by a single offering he **has perfected** for all time those who **are being sanctified**.*



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## Application

- Have you fallen into making peace with your sin?





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## Application

- Have you fallen into making peace with your sin?
- Have you fallen into a defeatist attitude concerning your sin?



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1:9 – *“God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.”*





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- The call to participate in unity (vs. 10-17)



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John 17:20-23 *"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 **that they may all be one**, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, **that they may be one even as we are one**, 23 I in them and you in me, **that they may become perfectly one**, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.*





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## Application

- How's your attitude?



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## Application

- How's your attitude?
- Is God calling you to step further into participation?





# We are called by God's grace

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1:1 – *Paul, called by the will of God...*

1:26-30 – *For consider your calling...<sup>27</sup> **God chose** what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; **God chose** what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup> **God chose** what is low and despised in the world...<sup>30</sup> **And because of him** you are in Christ Jesus.*



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- Our call in response to God's call





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## Application

- Are you regularly rejoicing in God's grace toward you?



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