

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

With The Power Of His Grace and Peace: "Make Me Holy!"

1 Corinthians 1:3 **Grace to you and peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you **by (in)** Christ Jesus,
5 that you were **enriched in everything by Him** in all utterance and all knowledge,
6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you,

- "I thank my God always"
 - **Cicero**, the great Roman orator and philosopher, said, "A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue but the parent of all other virtues."

- How often Paul would give thanks for each church he cared for.

Romans 1:9-10

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing **I make mention of you always in my prayers,**
10 making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you.

Philippians 1:4 **always in every prayer of mine** making request for you all with joy,

Colossians 1:3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **praying always for you,**

1 Thessalonians 1:2 We **give thanks to God always** for you all, making mention of you in our prayers,

2 Thessalonians 1:3 We are **bound to thank God always for you**, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,

Philemon 4 I thank my God, **making mention of you always** in my prayers,

- "Enriched"

Colossians 3:16 **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly** in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with **every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,**

Ephesians 1:17-19

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the

spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,
18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,
19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power

Ephesians 2:7 that in the ages to come He might show **the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.**

7 so that you come short in no gift, **eagerly waiting** for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

- Paul would make sure they were not ignorant of God's gifting to every church
1 Corinthians 12:1 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

1 Corinthians 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing **to each one individually as He wills.**

- **"Eagerly waiting"**
 - A strong double compound word, meaning *to await ardently* or *eagerly* (Arndt, p. 82), expresses the believers' attitude as they use the gifts in God's service. ¹

8 who will also **confirm** you to the end, (*that you may be*) blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **"Confirm"**
 - Was used in Koine Greek as a technical legal term referring to a properly guaranteed security (ibid., p. 138). They have God's guarantee that they shall be in his presence at Christ's return. ²
- **"Blameless"**
 - Literally, "chargeless," or "unimpeachable" (Leon Morris, *The First Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians*, p. 37).
 - "It implies not merely acquittal, but the absence of even a charge or accusation against a person" (W. E. Vine, *Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*, I, 131; cf. Rom 8:33).
- **J. Vernon McGee:** "He says **"blameless"** he does not say they will be faultless. There will always be someone who will find fault with you. But you are not to be worthy of blame." ³

Arndt Arndt-Gingrich, *Greek-English Lexicon*

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¹Pfeiffer, C. F., & Harrison, E. F. (1962). *The Wycliffe Bible commentary: New Testament* (1 Co 1:4). Chicago: Moody Press.

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²Pfeiffer, C. F., & Harrison, E. F. (1962). *The Wycliffe Bible commentary: New Testament* (1 Co 1:8). Chicago: Moody Press.

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cf. *confer* (compare)

³McGee, J. V. (1997, c1981). *Thru the Bible commentary*. Based on the Thru the Bible radio program. (electronic ed.). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

9 God (*is*) faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Numbers 23:19 “God *is* not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”

Deuteronomy 7:9-11

9“Therefore know that **the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God** who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;

10and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face.

11Therefore you shall keep the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which I command you today, to observe them.