

# 1 Corinthians 1

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## Greeting

<sup>1</sup> Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

<sup>2</sup> Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both their's and our's:

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

<sup>4</sup> I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

<sup>5</sup> That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;

<sup>6</sup> Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

<sup>7</sup> So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

<sup>8</sup> Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>9</sup> God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## Divisions in the Church

**10** Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.

**11** For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

**12** Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ.

**13** Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?

**14** I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and Gaius;

**15** Lest any should say that I had baptized in mine own name.

**16** And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other.

**17** For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect.

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## The Wisdom of God

**18** For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

**19** For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

**20** Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

**21** For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

**22** For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

**23** But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

**24** But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

**25** Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

**26** For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

**27** But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

**28** And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

**29** That no flesh should glory in his presence.

**30** But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

**31** That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### **Apostle** — ἀπόστολος (Apostolos)

Apostle, sent one

The Greek **apostolos** (ἀπόστολος) means apostle or sent one—an authorized messenger. The twelve apostles were chosen by Christ and empowered as His witnesses, laying the foundation of the church (Ephesians 2:20).

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### **Baptize** — βαπτίζω (Baptizo)

To baptize, immerse

The Greek **baptizo** (βαπτίζω) means to dip, immerse, or baptize. Christian baptism symbolizes identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:3-4).

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## **Believe** — πιστεύω (Pisteuo)

To believe, trust, have faith

The Greek **pisteuo** (πιστεύω) means to believe or trust—active reliance upon Christ. 'For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish' (John 3:16).

## **Faith** — πίστις (Pistis)

Faith, belief, trust

The Greek **pistis** (πίστις) denotes faith, belief, or trust—confidence in God's character and promises. It's both intellectual assent and relational trust, central to justification (Romans 5:1).

## **God** — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

## **Grace** — χάρις (Charis)

Grace, favor

The Greek **charis** (χάρις) denotes unmerited divine favor—God's kindness toward the undeserving. Salvation is 'by grace through faith' (Ephesians 2:8), not human merit.

## **Lord** — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

## **Messiah** — Χριστός (Christos)

Christ, Anointed One

The Greek **Christos** (Χριστός) translates 'Messiah'—the Anointed One. Peter confessed 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God' (Matthew 16:16), recognizing Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah.

## **Righteous** — δίκαιος (Dikaios)

Righteous, just

The Greek **dikaio** (δίκαιος) means righteous or just—conforming to God's standard. Christ's righteousness is imputed to believers through faith (Romans 4:5), making them legally righteous before God.

## **Save** — σώζω (Sozo)

To save, deliver, heal

The Greek **sozo** (σώζω) means to save—deliverance from sin, death, and judgment. 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved' (Acts 16:31). The word also encompasses physical healing and spiritual wholeness.

## **Word** — λόγος (Logos)

Word, reason, message

The Greek **Logos** (Λόγος) means word, reason, or message—the rational principle underlying reality. John identifies Christ as the eternal Logos: 'In the beginning was the Word' (John 1:1).

## CROSS REFERENCES

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