

Sermon Study Questions

Sunday, August 6, 2023

1. Read 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
2. In opening this letter, the Apostle Paul begins by asserting his apostolic authority. Why is this so critical to the letter?
3. In addressing the church, Paul refers them as “those sanctified in Christ Jesus.” In doing so he is referring to *definitive sanctification*. What is definitive sanctification?
4. How is it that a perfectly holy and just God can declare sinful people holy?
5. Why does Paul open his address to these very flawed believers (something we see throughout this letter) by telling them they have been made holy (i.e. they have been sanctified)?
6. Paul goes on to tell “those sanctified in Christ Jesus” that we are “called to be saints.” This refers to *progressive sanctification*. What is progressive sanctification?
7. We are also told that we are 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*. This speaks to the fact that as believers we are not to live isolated from the church, but we are to live as a part of the community of believers. Why is this so important, and how does this help us in our pursuit of holiness?
8. Paul’s greeting “from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” is “grace and peace to you.” What is God saying to you in this greeting?
9. What practical application can you make from this text/sermon?
10. Pray!