

# Know whose you are - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

**Intro:** What would you look for?

The Church in Corinth

**The whole letter is about 'sanctification'**

"to those sanctified in Christ Jesus"

**3 evidences of the Corinthians sanctification**

They have been enriched in speech & knowledge

They abounded in spiritual gifts

They have stuck with Jesus

1 John 2:19 & Hebrews 3:14

**For us**

Readying ourselves

Be certain of whose you are

Be thankful - it's all 'in Jesus'

## Paul's Second Journey: AD 49—51



The Apostle Paul wrote the letter of 1 Corinthians around AD 55 during his third missionary journey in Ephesus (Acts 18, 19:21)

Corinth was an important port city along a major trade route in modern-day Greece. As a wealthy metropolis, Corinth was a melting pot for ancient world culture and had a reputation for sexual immorality, pagan idolatry, and corruption. The population of Corinth at the time of Paul is estimated between 600,000 and 700,000. Though the majority of the city was Gentile, a strong Jewish community also lived there.

Paul originally stayed in Corinth for 18 months (Acts 18:11). When the Jews rejected his teachings on Christ, he announced that he would teach the Gentiles and moved his work from the synagogue to the house of Titius Justus (Acts 18:5-7). According to 1 Corinthians 1:26, most of those who joined the church in Corinth came from the lower classes with little education, status, or power.