

AND YOU THINK YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS

A study of First Corinthians

PRAISING GOD FOR THE POSITIVES

1 Corinthians 1:4-9

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I thank my God always concerning you ... 1 Corinthians 1:4

What is there to praise when the negatives are so glaring?

1. You can praise Him for His grace.

I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus ... 1 Corinthians 1:4

2. You can praise Him for His abundant spiritual provision.

... that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge, even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you, so that you are not lacking in any gift ... 1 Corinthians 1:5-7a

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. 2 Peter 1:3-4

3. You can praise Him for getting you ready for His return.

*... awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will also confirm you to the end, **blameless** in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 1:7-8*

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 1:24-25

4. You can praise Him for the privilege of fellowship with God.

God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:9

*** You can literally hang out with the King of Kings.**

As He was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed was imploring Him that he might accompany Him. And He did not let him, but He said to him, "Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed. Mark 5:18-20

The more you focus on who you are (a saint) and what you have in Christ, the more your position will affect your practice.