

Wednesday @ 6:33 graphic
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How DO we live VS How SHOULD we live?

1 Corinthians 1:1

Paul, **called** as an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, and Sosthenes our brother:

1) We should live with a deep sense of God's **calling on our lives.**

1 Corinthians 1:2

To the **church of God at Corinth**, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, **called** as saints, with all those in every place who **call** on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord—both their Lord and ours.

a) **We should live with a sense of **belonging** to **God** and to His **church**—both locally and universally.**

b) **We should live with a God-given identity as **saints**.**

2 Timothy 1:9-11

He has saved us and **called** us with a **holy calling**, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus **before** time began. This has **now been made evident** through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who has abolished death and has brought life and immortality to light through the **gospel**. For this gospel I was appointed a herald, **apostle**, and teacher ...

1 Corinthians 1:23,24

we preach **Christ crucified** ... to those who are **called** ... **Christ** is the power of God and the wisdom of God ...

How NOW should I live ... in light of Jesus—His Cross and Gospel?

2) We should live as those who **call on the One who has **called** us.**

1 Corinthians 1:3

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

→ Called: accepting and living out our **position** in God's **story**.

1 Corinthians 1:4

I always **thank** my God for you because of the **grace of God** given to you in **Christ Jesus** ...

{Hudson Taylor}

"The joy of Jesus living in you."

Our position "in Christ" gives us **privileges**.

1 Corinthians 1:4-8

that you were **enriched in him** in every way, in all speech and all knowledge. In this way, the testimony about Christ was **confirmed** among you, so that you do not lack any **spiritual gift** as you **eagerly wait** for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also **strengthen** you to the end, so that you will be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

{one slide all together}

Enriched → Word of God

Confirmed → Assurance

Gifts → empowered to serve & edify

Hope → 2nd Coming

Perseverance → strength to endure

1 Corinthians 1:9

God is **faithful**; you were **called** by him into **fellowship** with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

BIRGing ...

Basking in Reflected Glory:

a self-serving cognition whereby someone associates themselves with another person's success, such that the other person's success feels like their own accomplishment.

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1 Corinthians 1:10-12

Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say, that there be no divisions among you, and that you be united with the same understanding and the same conviction. For it has been reported to me about you, my brothers and sisters, by members of Chloe's people, that there is rivalry among you. What I am saying is this: One of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ."

They had the position (*called*) and they had the provision (*grace*) but they lacked the manifestation of God's power.

The scene had become their story.

I Corinthians 1:13-17

Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in Paul's name? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say you were baptized in my name. I did, in fact, baptize the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don't recall if I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ will not be emptied of its effect.