

GREETINGS THIS ADVENT SEASON

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Greetings this Advent season. As we look back to that very first Christmas and all that led up to our Savior's birth, as we look forward to our present celebrations and as we prepare for Christ second coming, I am reminded how much I love the season of Advent. In today's scripture reading we see Paul greeting the congregation in Corinth. Paul knew that he was going to be addressing some problems that had arisen within the congregation since he had last seen them: yet his greeting was filled with love. Paul shared his thankfulness for their relationship with Jesus Christ and reminded them that they were not just living for the present. God had given them every Spiritual gift they needed to remain strong as they waited for the return of Christ. In essence he greeted them with Love, instruction and Hope.

The demands of the season sometimes cause us to rely on our own efforts and we lose focus of the true meaning of the season. If we begin to get caught in today's problems, it's time to take a break and reread Paul's greetings to Corinth. Remember, God loves us so much that he has invited us into a relationship with Jesus Christ. We share in the Love and Hope that Paul shared with the church in Corinth. God has Spiritually gifted us, so that we may remain strong until the return of Christ. This Advent season greet one another as Paul greeted the church in Corinth.

"Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 1:3)

Prayer: Thank you Lord for the gift of relationship with You. Teach us to love all those around us especially those in our churches. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

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