



God is Faithful

1 Corinthians 1:8-9

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→ OPEN IT

1. Have you ever gotten “off track” or distracted? What is the result when you look back at your original goal?
2. What do you do to get yourself back on track?

→ EXPLORE IT – Read 1 Cor. 1:8-9

3. Paul is about to tell the people in the church in Corinth that they have become confused, ungodly, and doctrinally shallow. With this in mind, why do you suppose Paul refers to Jesus so frequently (nine times) in these few verses? Read Ezekiel 14:3-5 for a clue.
4. Through his summary of verses 1-9, Paul reminds the people that God is faithful. Jesus also taught of His faithfulness. How will Jesus’ teaching of His faithfulness in the verses below effect your daily living?
 - a. John 6:35
 - b. John 10:10
 - c. John 8:12
5. When you think of God’s faithfulness, what is the one aspect that you are most thankful for?
6. Because God is faithful, He calls us to salvation. This is the doctrine of *Unconditional Election*. How do these verses confirm this doctrine?
 - a. Romans 9:16
 - b. 1 Peter 2:9-10
 - c. Ephesians 2:1-5
 - d. Ephesians 1:3-10 (note the promise in v. 4)
7. As Christians, we are adopted as sons and daughters of God (Eph. 1:5).
 - a. How is this adoption similar to the adoption of a child?
 - b. How is this adoption different from adopting a child (see John 15:15, Romans 8:15, 2 Thes. 2:13-14)?

8. The biggest difference in this adoption is that we receive the actual nature of Christ as we mature and grow in our faith. It is an adoption that includes a relationship. Discuss how these verses support this adopted relationship.
 - a. John 14:12-13

 - b. John 14:15-21

 - c. John 16:12-16

9. With our being chosen (elected and adopted), our position before God changes. What does Colossians 1:21-22 say about the change in position? Discuss the contrast between being alienated (v. 21) and reconciled (v. 22).

10. God's faithfulness means that He keeps us saved (1:8). He does that by keeping us strong. This is known as *Perseverance of the Saints*. Pick out the words in these verses that demonstrate God's faithfulness and how they apply to you:
 - a. Philippians 1:6

 - b. John 10:28-29

11. God's faithfulness also means that he keeps us saved by making us ready for "the day"(v. 8). On that day we will be blameless. This is known as *Justification by Faith*. Discuss and compare the meaning of the words "blameless" and "faultless." Look at these verses and tell God's part in making us ready:
 - a. Jude 24

 - b. Romans 5:1-2

 - c. Romans 8:31-34

→ THINK ABOUT IT

12. When you consider the doctrine of *Perseverance of the Saints*, do you believe you are a Christian because you persevere, or do you persevere because you are a Christian?