

## **Bible Study for January 9-15, 2023**

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

### **Notes:**

In this letter Paul was dealing with a group of proud, materialistic, independent ex-pagans who were having a very difficult time learning how to live as Christians. Because they had bought much of their former thinking into the congregation in Corinth, Paul needs to help them to understand the differences between living the Christian lifestyle as compared to what they were used to.

And yet, even though this congregation in Corinth is a fractious group beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Questions to Ponder:**

As a youngster, did you have a favorite team of heroes or superheroes? What did you like about them?

Have you ever been part of a team that did some aspect of ministry? What was that like for you?

Who was Sosthenes? You can find him in Acts 18:14-17. How did he come to be part of Paul's team?

Why would Paul stress that he was an apostle?

What positive contribution has a particular group of Christians made in your life?

Who has been a hero of the faith for you? What was it about them that drew you to them?