

God's Faithful Provision for His Church

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Paul continues his greeting to the Corinthians by expressing his _____ for the things that God is accomplishing in and through them. (we see this in nearly every letter Paul wrote, except the letter to the Galatians and the pastoral letters)

What is Paul trying to accomplish in this encouraging introduction?

*Paul will use this greeting to express his sincere gratitude to the Corinthians in such a way that they begin to see that every good thing that is praiseworthy in them comes from Christ Himself!

QUESTION: Why is it ironic that Paul starts off by praising this church for the spiritual gifts they were able to display?

Paul is setting precedents here that the gifts themselves are NOT the problem – the problem is a.) _____ and b.) lackadaisical _____

The Corinthians were enriched, or 'made rich' in two specific ways:

1. In all _____
2. In all _____

Even as Paul is encouraging the Corinthians for the riches of spiritual evidence in their lives, he makes every effort to draw their attention back to the God who is the real reason why they are praiseworthy to begin with!

God's provision for His people is so faithful, that it encompasses our _____, _____, and _____ needs.

In verses 7 and 8, Paul specifically makes mention of how God's faithful provision will carry the church on until the '*revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ*', where they will be found '*guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*' What does that say about Paul's confidence that all the issues he needs to address with the Corinthians will be overcome? How can Paul be so sure?

What are some common mistakes we make today in the way that we show gratitude and thanksgiving to one another?

A Biblical model for expressing gratitude towards others:

Show thanksgiving with _____

Show thanksgiving without stoking the embers of _____

Be careful that your expression of thankfulness is not designed to do _____ more good than it is _____.

Show thanksgiving in a way that _____ receives the ultimate glory.