

1 Corinthians 1:2

To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

I saw a post on social media the other day that said:

“If Paul saw the Church today. We’d be getting a letter”

And honestly, it is funny, but not funny at the same time. We laugh because it’s true. But then if it is true, is it really a laughing matter?

Think about that for a moment. When Paul wrote a letter to a church, he had both words of encouragement, but also words of correction. And when you ponder that, would the letter Paul that would write to the Church today be more words of encouragement, because of all the good things that we are doing, or would they be more words of corrections, because we are not doing things according to God’s direction, or even as we read in Paul’s letters to other churches?

But when you read the above paragraph, notice it says Church with a capital “C” which means the Church as a whole throughout the world. But let’s bring it closer to home:

“If Paul saw the church that you go to today. Would it be getting a letter?”

What would Paul see if he came to your church this Sunday? But we know on Sunday, we all put on our Sunday best and we are on our best behavior while we are in the church. But what if he went to the home of each person in the church that we go to, and even our own homes? What would he see, and would he be pleased, or would he have words for each of us, because our homes look nothing like the church on Sunday morning, but more like the world on a Saturday night?

And we read other things on social media that do the same thing. They may be funny in regard to the Christian walk, but if they are true, are they really funny, or is God trying to get our attention with these saying that we truly need to repent as a Church and as His people?

Paul also wrote to the church in Corinth, *“And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”* 1 Corinthians 6:11

Would Paul come into our churches and our homes and say, *“such were some of you”* or would he say, *“such are some of you still”*? Some of you were/are like what?

† **1 Corinthians 6:8-10** *No, you yourselves do wrong and cheat, and you do these things to your brethren! Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.*

So let's examine our hearts and the heart of the church that we go to and ask, are we "*such were some of you*" or are we "*such are some of you still*"?

We are all sinners, but let's not use that as an excuse to keep on sinning, and let's ask the Holy Spirit to make us a people that can truly say, "*such were some of you*" For the glory of God!

† **2 Timothy 1:9 (NLT2)** *For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.*

† **2 Corinthians 6:16-18 (NLT2)** *And what union can there be between God's temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God said: "I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the LORD. Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you. And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty."*