# Are you in? God's Witness Protection Plan

I Corinthians 1:1-9



#### I Timothy 1:13, 15

Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

# Who we were Paul - Blasphemer, Persecutor, violent, chief of sinners, and religious

#### **Galatians 1:13-14**

:13 For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: :14 And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers.

#### Who we were

Paul - Blasphemer, Persecutor, violent, chief of sinners, and religious

Us - Sinners

#### **Romans 3:23**

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;



#### I Corinthians 6:9-10

:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, :10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

#### Who we were

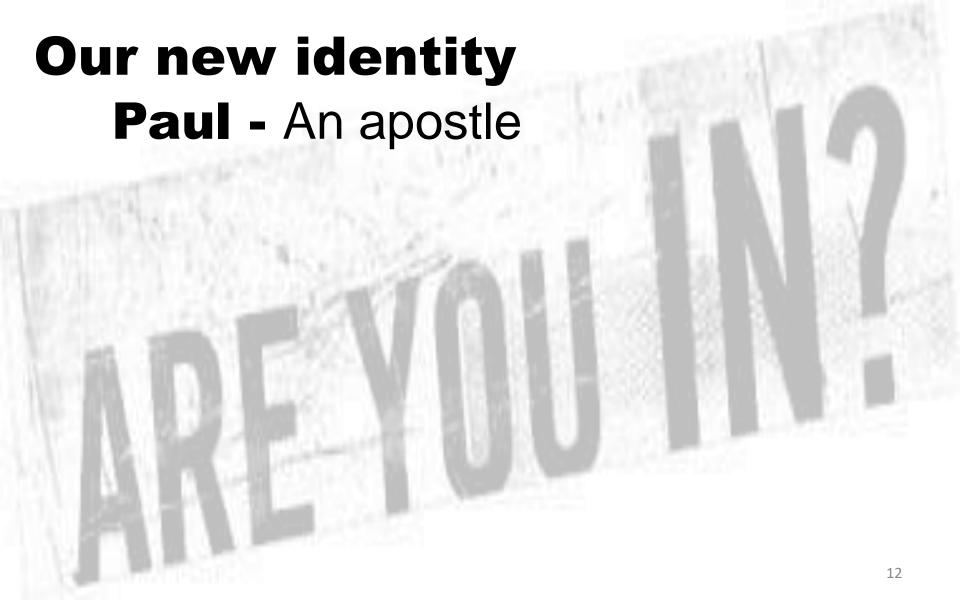
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- **Us -** Sinners Condemned

#### Romans 6:23a

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Who we were

- Paul Blasphemer, Persecutor, violent, chief of sinners, and religious
- Us Sinners
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#### I Corinthians 1:1a

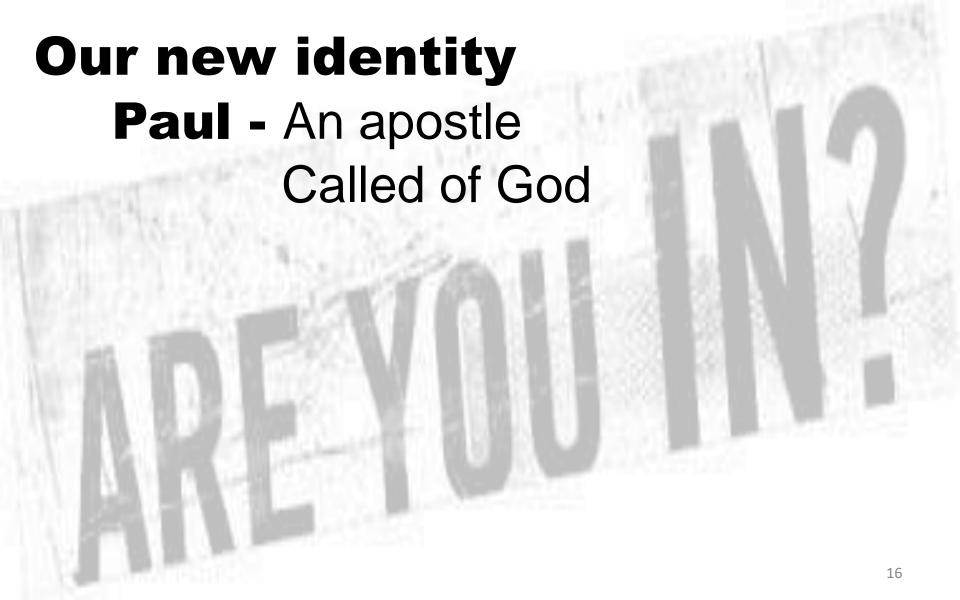
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#### **Galatians 1:1**

Paul, an apostle, (not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead;)

#### **Ephesians 1:1**

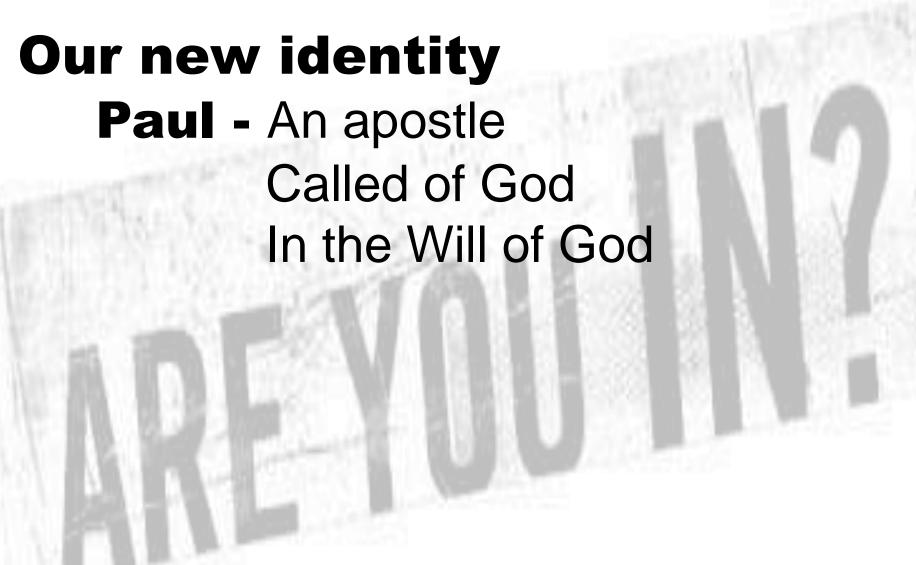
Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:



#### I Corinthians 1:1

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#### I Corinthians 1:1b

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# Our new identity

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Called of God
In the Will of God
In the brother hood

#### I Corinthians 1:1c

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#### **Galatians 1:2**

And all the brethren which are with me, unto the churches of Galatia:



# Our new identity Paul - An apostle

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In the brother hood

Us - Called out (church)

#### I Corinthians 1:2a

Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

#### **Deuteronomy 14:2**

For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.

# Our new identity

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#### I John 2:1-2

- :1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:
- :2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

#### **Ephesians 1:7**

In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;



#### I Corinthians 1:3a, 4

Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

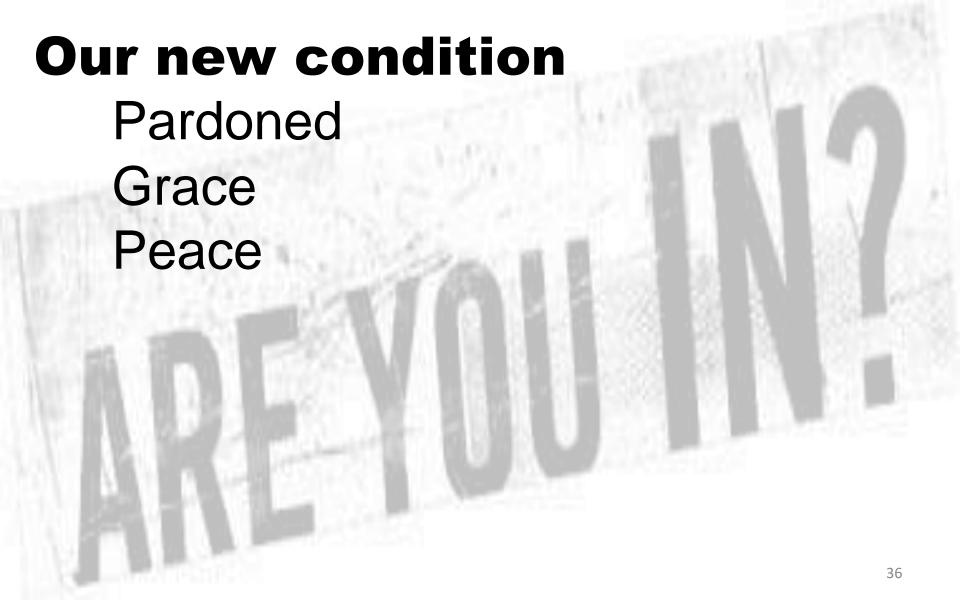
:4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

#### **Titus 2:11**

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

#### **Ephesians 2:8-9**

- :8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:
- :9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.



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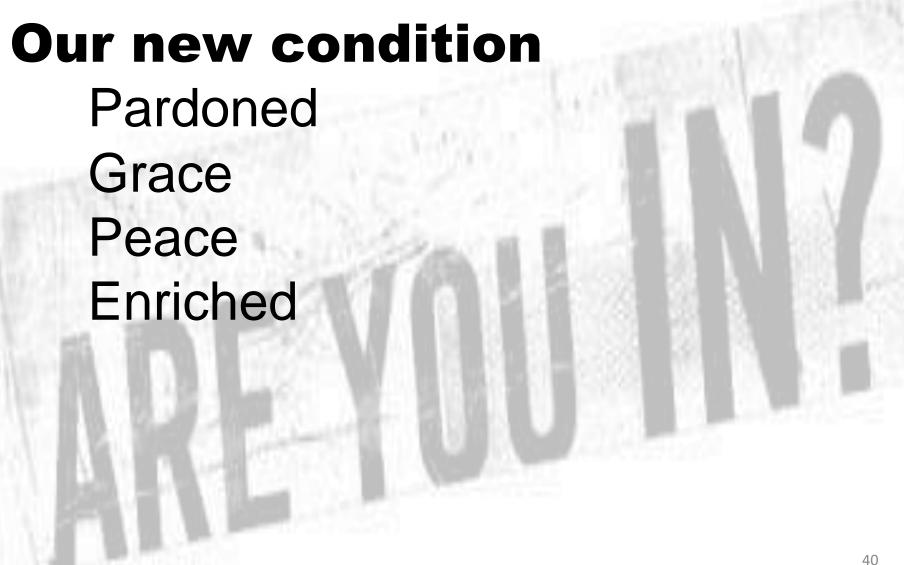


## Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

### John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.



That in every thing ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge;



# **Our new condition**

- Pardoned
- Grace
- Peace
- **Enriched**
- Confirmed

## I Corinthians 1:6, 7a

:6 Even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you:

:7a So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

# **Our new condition**

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:7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

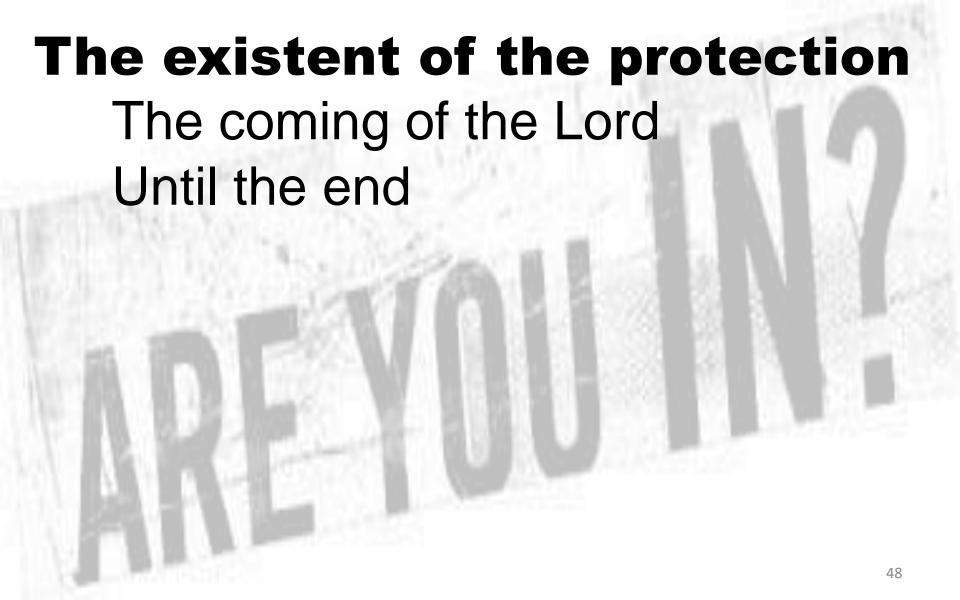


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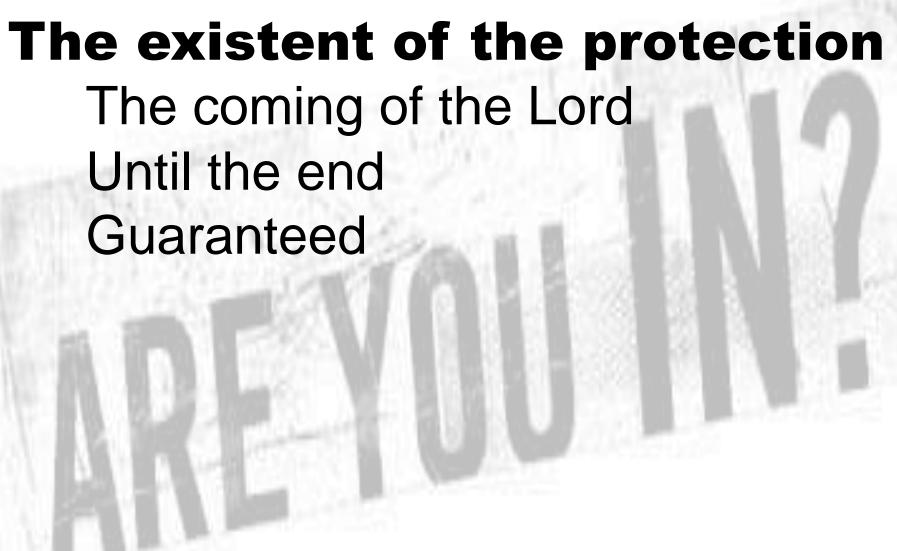
:7 So that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:





Who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.





God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

