

- ↪ Last time we saw the most important prepositional phrase in the Bible, "In Christ," every promise and blessing of the Bible is predicated on that little phrase. For all their problems the Corinthian church was going to be Okay because they were "in Christ Jesus." As such, they were set apart by God, that is what the term "Saint" means. "Saints by calling" not by action, attitude, or as a reward.
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1. Today we are going to see the answer to their questions.

- ✓ The Corinthian church had many questions, Ones they posed in a letter to Paul, and others that were implicit in the problems they were suffering. Paul gives the answer to these in one single verse, 1st Corinthians 2:9. "God is faithful"; That's why they were going to be ok, not because they were faithful but because God is. "Called into the fellowship of His Son;" How were they going to be Ok?, by being in fellowship with Jesus. The word fellowship "koinonia" refers to a partnership "called into a partnership with Jesus."

2. Partners with Christ is a very practical concept.

- ✓ Real life doesn't happen in the future or the past, it happens in the here and now. Today, I'm in partnership with Jesus, this will take care of the past and the future.

3. What does it mean to be in a partnership with Jesus?

- ✓ It means that everything I own and that I am belongs to Him. Jesus is concerned about and has say over the things that I possess, after all He is the senior partner. I shouldn't think that I have anything that He doesn't care about or fails to have an opinion about. Am I handling my stuff with respect to my Senior partner, does He agree with my purchases? It's not just my stuff, but also my person, He owns all of me as well. My mind, body, life; am I treating, using, these things with respect to His ownership? Since He is the Senior partner, there are certain things I can and cannot do with my life; certain places I cannot go; certain things I can and cannot say. Understand, my partnership with Jesus answers many questions for me. I've been called into a partnership with Him! My life should be drastically different.

4. Jesus walked this earth in partnership with His Father.

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This is partnership just like our call to be saint we have been called into a partnership that is not based upon our performance but based upon His!
