

The Sustainer of His People

1 Corinthians 1:7-9

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BIG IDEA: The exalted Christ is faithful to sustain his people.

I. He sustains us through fellowship with himself.

1 Corinthians 1:7-9 | 7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A. Called

John 10:28-29 | 28 I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 29 My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

B. Cleansed

- Only those who recognize their guiltiness will be found guiltless.

“If human beings have sinned (which they have), and if they are responsible for their sins (which they are), then they are guilty before God. Guilt is the logical deduction from the premises of sin and responsibility. We have done wrong, by our own fault, and are therefore liable to bear the just penalty of our wrongdoing.” - John Stott, *The Cross of Christ*

Colossians 1:22 | he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

C. Commune

Revelation 3:20 | Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

II. He sustains us through fellowship with his body.

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God's gracious provision has been lavishly dispensed to the church. No gift is missing in the church.

Benediction | Deuteronomy 7:9

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.