

# **CALLED TO BE SAINTS**

Tomorrow (Sunday, 04/11) we begin a brand new series in the book of 1 Corinthians (1:1-3). The Apostle Paul wrote this to the church he had founded while on his second missionary journey.

After leaving the city of Athens, Paul had entered the city of Corinth and went right away to the local Synagogue. This was his normal pattern of ministry. He loved his countrymen and had made them the primary focus of each of his ministry tours.

When Paul preached he would present a very clear and powerful case, to the Jews, that Jesus was their prophesied Messiah. As he preached, the Holy Spirit would convict the hearts of those who were willing to listen.

There were always two vastly different reactions to Paul's preaching. One, would be revival. This took place in the heart of those who would listen carefully to the truth that was being preached.

The other reaction was one of a riot. This came from those who were deceived into thinking that what Paul was preaching was antithetical and dangerous to everything they had been taught and believed. And, in the name of protecting the name of God and the Jewish religion, many of them would turn to violence.

The same thing takes place in our day. There are those who when they hear the Gospel, their heart is convicted, they turn to the Lord, through repentance, and experience the glorious truth they have been forgiven of their sins.

This is why God has called His church to passionately proclaim the claims of the Gospel and at the same time be ready to confront and defend that message from those who attack its truth.

The book of 1 Corinthians is virtually important for today. Within his letter the Apostle Paul reminds the church of their holy calling. And, expounds the truth that each member of the body of Christ must live a life separated from the world and unto God.

I've entitled our series, in 1 Corinthians, "*Living Upright in a Fallen World*". It is my prayer the Holy Spirit will ignite a fire in our hearts. And, a desire to burn brightly, for Him, in a world that is desperate to know the power of the Gospel.

Look forward to our time together. Please pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the entire Calvary Chapel family.

There are several opportunities for worship. On campus (10:00am & 12:00pm), drive-in church (92.1fm), and online (Facebook: Calvary Inverness)

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