Text: 1 Corinthians 1:7b-9 Topic: Grace. Hope.

Study: First Corinthians

Week: 6 Series: 4 of 4

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1 Cor. 1:7b-9 ⁴ I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge— ⁶ because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift **as** you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. 8 He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful. (NIV)

3. Trust _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1.	Read Philippians 1:21-24 and Philippians 3:20-21.	How "anchored to this present life" would you say you are		
compared to the eagerness for the next life described in the book of Philippians?				

What will you do to explore the greatness of what Christ has in store for his people when we see him face to face? How can you keep the results of that kind of study in your thoughts on a daily basis?

2. What doubts have you had about the permanence of your relationship with Christ?

What is the difference between questioning whether or not you are a Christian and questioning whether or not you will remain a Christian? What counsel would you provide in each situation?

3. In what subtle ways have you hoped in yourself instead of God for your continuation and growth in the Christian life?

Write out a prayer that expresses your confidence in God as it relates to your future destination and the journey on the way there.

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule. Sunday 2Sam.17-18 & Ac.19 Monday 2Sam.19-20 & Ac.20 Tuesday

2Sam.21-22 & Ac.21

Wednesday

2Sam.23-24 & Ac.22 Thursday

1Kgs.1-2 & Ac.23 Friday

1Kgs.3-4 & Ac.24 Saturday

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Here are some resources to assist your study and contemplation of the guaranteed hope of the Christian life.

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