

Being the Church in an Unbelieving World

CALLED... TO WHAT?

INTRO – Corinth was a place of trade, population, and paganism. To “corinthianize” meant to allow something to be totally overcome by things of the world and its sin and debauchery.

1 Corinthians 1:1–9 NKJV

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Acts 18 is where Sosthenes is mentioned another time in Scripture.

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Hebrews 10:10 NKJV By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*.

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To what am I called?

- **To be part of the church.**
- **To be sanctified through Christ's sacrifice and live as saints, holy ones.**
- **To have Jesus as our Lord.**
- **To live with gratitude for God's grace and in God's peace.**
- **To live in the sufficiency and richness of God's provision now.**
- **To live with eager expectancy for Christ's return, in fellowship with Jesus, trusting in the faithfulness of God.**