

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:2-3  
Topic: Sanctification  
Study: First Corinthians  
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# Weirdos!?

part 2

*How God Wants Us to Act Differently in Our World*



**1. Know** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.2a)

**2. Act** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.2b)

**3. Learn** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.2c)

**4. Trust** \_\_\_\_\_ (v.3)

1 Cor. 1:2-3

*<sup>2</sup> To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (NIV)*

# 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. In seeking to live a holy life, what difference does it make to know that you have been fully accepted by God because of what Jesus did on your behalf? In other words, what motivation do you receive from knowing that your right standing before God is "received" and not "achieved?"

Compare that to someone who is attempting to "live righteously" because they are attempting to earn their spot on God's team. What are some of the practical problems and frustrations associated with trying to "achieve" a right standing before God?

2. In what practical way can you remind yourself that God has "set you apart" for his use in this world?

What habits, behaviors, or associations exist in your life that stand in conflict to your calling?

What steps will you take to bridge the existing gaps between your calling and your daily life?

3. How can you take a greater advantage of positive peer pressure?
4. Describe the difference between relying on God for success in your pursuit of being more like Christ and trusting in yourself to be a more godly person.

*We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.*

**Sunday**

*Josh.23-24 & Jn.5*

**Monday**

*Jud.1-2 & Jn.6*

**Tuesday**

*Jud.3-4 & Jn.7*

**Wednesday**

*Jud.5-6 & Jn.8*

**Thursday**

*Jud.7-8 & Jn.9*

**Friday**

*Jud.9-11 & Jn.10*

**Saturday**

*Jud.12-14 & Jn.11*

*Here are some resources to help you pursue the "weirdness" of being more like God in how you act.*

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