

“God Is Faithful”

1 Cor. 1:9

Introduction:

- A. We can absolutely count of very few things in this life.
 - 1. Products
 - 2. Machines
 - 3. Institutions
 - 4. People (good & evil)
- B. We can always count on the Lord.
 - 1. “(God, The Lord, He) is faithful” - 5 times in N.T.
 - 2. He can always be counted at critical moments:

Discussion:

I. God Is Faithful When Brethren Disappoint Us. (1 Cor. 1:9)

- A. The “church of God .. at Corinth” had many discouraging things.
 - 1. Contentions (1 Cor. 1:10-13)
 - 2. Carnality. (1 Cor. 3:1-4)
 - 3. Immorality (1 Cor. 5)
 - a. Worse than in the world.
 - b. Ignored by church.
 - 4. Lawsuits against brethren. (1 Cor. 6)
 - 5. Corruption of Lord’s Supper. (1 Cor. 11:17-34).
 - 6. Disorderly assemblies. (1 Cor. 14)
- B. The church at Corinth had serious problems - but God was faithful.
 - 1. His name and address was still the same. -”Our Father .. In heaven”.
 - 2. His word and authority was still the true and binding.
- C. The brethren at anyplace may disappoint us - but God is faithful.
 - 1. Don’t blame God for church’s mistakes.
 - 2. Don’t point to a Corinth or a Judas to discredit the Lord’s way.

II. God Is Faithful When We Are Overtaken by Temptation (1 Cor. 10:13).

- A. Temptation is to be avoided. (Matt. 6:13).
 - 1. May not be as strong as think. (1 Cor. 10:12)
 - 2. Must not walk right into it. (1 Cor. 10:14).
- B. Temptation is not always avoidable. (1 Cor. 10:13)
 - 1. God is faithful to help those overtaken by temptation.
 - 2. God promises no such help to those who overtake temptation.

III. God Is Faithful When Men Misrepresent Us. (2 COR. 1:18 NKJ).

- A. Paul had been misrepresented. (2 Cor. 1:15-20).
- B. Paul knew that the Lord was still faithful. (2 Cor. 1:18).

IV. God Is Faithful When Men Have No Faith. (2 Thess. 3:1-3)

- A. May have never had faith.
- B. May have lost their faith.

V. God Is Faithful When We Need Forgiveness. (1 John 1:9).

- A. It is better to avoid sin. (1 John 2:1ff)., but no one does completely (1 John 1:8-10)
- B. It is great to know if we confess sin - God is faithful to forgive.

Conclusion:

- A. The best of machines and men will prove unfaithful at times.
 - 1. Should we then reject all machines and men? No.
 - 2. Should we let experience with few embitter us toward all? No.
 - 3. But need a healthy skepticism. Realize fallibility of all.
- B. The only being we can put absolute faith in is God!