

1 Cor 1:4~9. Hope for the miserable church.

When a problem arises in the church, the church seems helpless and miserable. Likewise, the church in Corinth also faces many problems. Yet, Paul still praises and gives thanks to God for the church. When we examine Paul's reason for giving thanks, we find the sure ground of assurance and hope for the miserable church.

1. God who enriches the church.

- a. God as the source of blessing.
- b. Enriched in speech and knowledge

2. God who sustains the church in His faithfulness.

- a. The promise of the future: We will stand before God, holy and blameless
- b. The assurance of this promise: God's faithfulness
- c. Our fellowship with God.