"The Church God Sees"

Sunday, January 14, 2024, 10:30 a.m.
Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI
Pastor Jonathan DeCou
1 Corinthians 1:1-9

BIG IDEA: Be the Church God expects.

"To the church of God at Corinth."
1 Corinthians 1:1, 2a (CSB)

- God sees an <u>ELECT</u> people. (v1-2)
- God sees an **ENRICHED** people. (v3-7a)
- God sees an **EXPECTANT** people. (v7b)
- God sees an **ESTABLISHED** people. (v8-9)

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READ: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

THINK: Meditate on Paul's comments about how God views His Church, then ask yourself these questions: Why does Paul emphasize that he is an apostle? Who was Sosthenes (see Acts 18:17)? How did he become Paul's sidekick? What is significant about the way Paul addresses this church? What does it mean for a church to be "elect"? What are some key ways our church has been "enriched"? Why does Paul thank God for the very things that are now a source of problems (v5-7)? Why is God's faithfulness (v9) important in this regard? Why should a local church fellowship be "expectant" for the coming of our Lord Jesus? How does God quarantee He will save us to the very end of our days?

DO: What is true about all genuine Christ-followers? How are those traits manifest in my life? What can I do to protect the unity of our church this week?