

## “God Is Faithful”

1 Cor. 1:9

Introduction:

A. We can absolutely count on 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 on 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 true and binding.

C. The brethren at any place 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; 10:10)

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.

C. Even if we are faithless, he remains faithful. (2 Tim 2:11-12)

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! 2 Thessalonians 3:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-25 [note verse 22]; Luke 23:46)