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I Corinthians 1:9, **“God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.”** (continued from Friday)

The key to verse nine of I Corinthians chapter one is **“God is faithful...”** What does that mean to you and I as individual children of God? What affect does it have on our very being? This beautiful phrase is used only twice in the scriptures, but it has a great importance to those who are able to understand its meaning. It is first found here in I Corinthians 1:9. Whether it be pertaining to His promises of **“the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ”** (vs. 4), being **“enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge...”** (vs. 5), blessed in gifts of the Lord (vs. 7), or being confirmed **“unto the end”** (vs 8), they can all be embraced by the children of God because **“God is faithful...”**

The second time this phrase is used is in I Corinthians 10:13, **“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”** Again we see the promise of God being given to His children. We will not be **“tempted”** more than we will be blessed by Him to bear. If there was no temptation at all, we would no longer be in this sin cursed world, we would be in that heavenly place called Paradise.

There are a number of times the word faithful is used in the Old and New Testaments. However, many of them refer to how we are to be faithful to the Lord in all things of righteousness. Paul uses the word **“Faithful”**, again in context of God’s faithfulness, in I Thessalonians 5:24 when he said, **“Faithful is he that calleth you...”** Again he says, **“But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil”** (II Thessalonians 3:3). The “faithfulness” of God is known and believed by His children for it comforts, strengthens, and encourages us while we endure the afflictions and troubles of this life. We can say this because Christ **“is our merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to**

**make reconciliation for the sins of the people”** (Hebrews 2:17). In all this we must remember Paul’s words to Timothy in II Timothy 2:13, “**...yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.**” Hold on to these words of peace and comfort for they are words of truth and promise inspired by God Himself. *Think about it!*