

CONFIRMED TO THE END

Our lesson will study four aspects of Confirmed to the End.

1. Three doctrinal reasons Paul was so thankful to God for the Corinthians believers.

- (1 Cor.1:4) “I thank my God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in (en+locative of position) Christ.”
 - **Positional Sanctification**
 - (Phase I)
- (1 Cor.1:6) “Even as the testimony (to marturion) concerning Christ was confirmed in (en+lplm) you.”
 - **Progressive Sanctification**
 - (Phase II)
- (1 Cor.1:8) “Who (Lord Jesus Christ) shall also confirm you to the end blameless in (en+loc. of time) the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
 - **Rapture & Permanent Sanctification**
 - (Phase III)

2. In our lesson text, Paul gave a three-fold confirmation of gospel of grace salvation concerning the Corinthians believers.

- Confirmation of eternal redemption through faith in gospel of grace salvation. (1 Cor.1:6)

(Heb.9:12) “And not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.”

(Phil.1:7) “For it is only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart, since both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me.”

- Confirmation of spiritual gifted ministries working in the Church (1 Cor.1:7); (chs.12-14).
- Confirmation of blameless [without judicial guilt of Adam’s Original Sin] (1 Cor.1:8)

(Jn. 3:18-19) ¹⁸He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. ¹⁹This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

(Rom.8:1-3) Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God *did*: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and *as an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,

(Rom.5:12) (Rom.5:16-18) (Col.1:21-22)

The Believer can never be called to account again until the end or until the Rapture of Church out of world. “

3. Paul used the Greek verb bebainoo (to confirm) twice to teach two important doctrinal truths regarding Confirmed to the End in our lesson text (1 Cor.1:6 and 1:8).

Pay special attention to the Greek grammar Paul used with confirmed to the End.

(1 Cor.1:6) “Even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed (bebainoo/ **a.p.ind.3ps**) in (en+loc of positional sanctification) you (believers) (su/lplm),”

- Aorist Past time of grace salvation (1 cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9)
- Passive Baptism of Holy Spirit
- Indicative Testimony of confirmed in Christ- “once confirmed always confirmed”

(1 Cor.1:8) “Who (Lord Jesus Christ) will also confirm (bebainoo/ **f.a.ind.3ps**) [Rapture] you to the end, blameless (without judicial guilt of Adam’s original sin. (Rom.8:1; 2Thess.2:13) in (en+of time) the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- Future Future time - Rapture
- Active Lord Jesus Christ will confirm you (positional sanctification/ phase 1 to 3)
- Indicative Confirmed to the end is a reality of God’s promise (Rom.4:21)

4. In our lesson test, Paul is teaching that the Church Age will end (telos/ church history) at “in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor.1:8).

We call this the Rapture (Latin for being caught ‘up’) (hapazo) from (1 Thess.4:13-18).

(1 Thess.4:17) “Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up (hapazo/ **f.p.ind.1pl**) together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord.” (The universal church)

- Future Rapture
- Passive Change (allasso) [to transform from one to another of same kind] Our body temple to our resurrection body. (1 Cor.15:51-52) [victory] (1 Cor.15:54)
- Indicative (Phil.3:21) (metaschematizo) [to change in fashion or appearance]

(Acts 1:11) ¹¹They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into ^[a]the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

Once confirmed, always confirmed!