

# **Why Some People Become Christians**

*International Bible Lesson*

## **1 Corinthians 1:9-18; 3:1-9**

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*"God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Corinthians 1:9—NRSV).*

Why do some people become Christians? The shortest single answer might be: "God is faithful." After God's people began to disobey Him, God promised to send a Savior into the world—and He did. Why did God keep His promise? The Bible answers: because God loves the world and God is faithful (John 3:16). Paul explained that God has called Christians into a relationship with His Son. Christians enjoy communion, union, and loving fellowship with Jesus Christ as their Lord. People become Christians because the good news of Jesus Christ is the power of God that saves them from the power of sin, Satan, and eternal separation from God. The good news of Jesus Christ reveals that the power of Jesus Christ, Who died on the cross to save His people, will save them forever; therefore, their fellowship with God through His Son will never end. Christians know that Jesus is the Messiah that God promised to send and they obey Him as their Lord. Paul called new believers "infants in Christ," who must drink milk. Infants in Christ follow their feelings and behave "according to human inclinations," but too many believers remain infants in Christ; therefore, many of their problems and many disputes in the church are the result of their childishness (1 Corinthians 3:1-3). Paul wrote many letters to help believers mature. Paul also imparted many truths that only spiritual people can understand because they are able to eat spiritual food; they have trained themselves to follow Jesus Christ faithfully as their Lord instead of being misled by their emotions and desires into jealousy, quarreling, and other self-centered behaviors.

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## **Thinking Further**

1. In this Bible lesson, name all of the persons and groups that Paul discusses. Some may be listed more than once.
2. How did Paul know that some in the church of God in Corinth were still of the flesh?
3. What did Christ send Paul to do primarily? What did Paul do that he probably considered of secondary importance that he left to others to do?
4. What is foolishness to some but the power of God to others? Who are those who think this is foolishness and who are those who think this is the power of God?
5. How can someone leave the group of those who are perishing?