

“God’s Sufficiency & Messed Up People”

INTRODUCTION: God is ALL SUFFICIENT ...

2 Corinthians 3:5, 2 Corinthians 9:8, 2 Corinthians 12:9

1.- GOD IS ALL SUFFICIENT ... TO ...

... save ... strengthen ... support ... comfort ...
encourage ... love ... forgive.

2.- WE ARE REALLY “messed up”!

- God NEEDS, USES, SURROUNDS Himself with
“messed up” people.

1 **Matthew 9:9** – MATTHEW – He was a hated Tax Collector.

- Jesus used people who were “messed up”.

1 **Luke 16:13-16** – Here’s 1 who REALLY hated Matthew.

- God puts people together who “can’t stand” each other.

- Your “enemies” give you the opportunity to see your true
nature, and thus bring you to God on your knees.

2 **Mark 3:13-17** – “Boanerges” = ‘Sons of Thunder, Commotion’

- Jesus chose some pretty “messed up” people!

- If He could use THEM, He can use YOU.

3 **Matthew 16:23** – PETER – Satan is behind sinful behavior, when
we don’t act very Christ-like.

- Go to God with it ... it’s a spiritual battle.

4 **Mt. 26:22** – Judas was the only one who “seemed” to have it
“all together”!

- The Disciples looked like a gang of “losers”.

- Very few in the Bible had it “all together”.

- Only “messed up” people can reach “messed up” people.

- “Messed up” people UNDERSTAND ... 2 Cor. 1:4 – NLT

- When we see that we’re “messed up”, we can see the

SUFFICIENCY of Christ, and not our own SUFFICIENCY –

2 Cor. 3:5, 9:8, 12:9

- How did God CHANGE these “messed up” people?

- They put themselves into GOD’S HANDS.

CONCLUSION:

- Have you put your ETERNITY into God’s hands?

- Have you put your “messed up” LIFE into God’s hands?