



Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians...

...Rightly Divided.

Keep in memory...the KJB use of the word “saints” has specific significance:

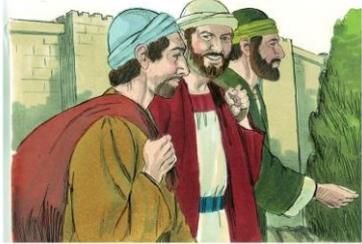
Deu 33:1-3 - And this *is* the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand *went* a fiery law for them. Yea, he loved the people; all his saints *are* in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; *every one* shall receive of thy words.

Rom 16:7 Salute
Andronicus and Junia,
my kinsmen, and my
fellowprisoners, who
are of note among the
apostles, who also
were in Christ before
me.

1Co 15:8 And last of all
he was seen of me
also, as of one born
out of due time.

1Ti 1:16 Howbeit for this
cause I obtained mercy,
that in me first Jesus
Christ might shew forth
all longsuffering, for a
pattern to them which
should hereafter believe
on him to life everlasting

The Saints



Apostle Paul



The Faithful in Christ



Eph 1:12 That we should
be to the praise of his
glory, who first trusted in
Christ.

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also
trusted, after that ye
heard the word of truth,
the gospel of your
salvation...

Ephesians 4:1-16 Paul's instruction to those "called" regarding their "walk" and ministry objective:

Eph 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

v8 ...when he ascended...and gave gifts...

v12 ...for the edifying of the body of Christ

v16 ...the body unto the edifying of itself in love.





Ephesians 4:17-29 Paul's instruction to Gentiles/the Body of Christ, v14 & 16, concerning their "walk" and its objective. Note: no "OT" references in this section. No mention of being "called", nor "worthy"

v17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

v20 But ye have not learned so in Christ

Ephesians 4:30-32 Concluding “walk” instruction and especially that understood by Jews in the Body.

v30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Ephesians 1:14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Luke 21:28 And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

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v31-32 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Note: under the Kingdom Gospel the saints are to wait until the day of redemption to be made completely clean!

Eze 36:24-25 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Ephesians 5...to whom does this chapter primarily provide instruction?



Paul



The Saints



BoC: Jew & Gentile

Key words indicative of audience being addressed:

v1 ...dear children

v2 ...offering...sacrifice...sweetsmelling savour

v3 ...you, as becometh saints

v5 ...inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God

v6-7 ...wrath of God...children of disobedience

v8 ...ye are light in the Lord: walk as children of light

v11 ...reprove them (see Mat 18:15, compare Hebrews 12:5)

v14 ...wherefore he saith...(compare Isaiah 60:1-3)

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(cont'd) Key words indicative of audience being addressed:

v17 ...understanding the will of the Lord

v18 ...be not drunk with wine... (compare Proverbs 20:1)

v19 ...speaking to yourselves in psalms...

v20 ...giving thanks always... (compare Ezra 3:11)

v21 ...submitting yourselves... (compare 1Peter 5:5)

V22-33 Think: does the church the Body of Christ need yet to be sanctified and cleansed and washed of water by the word, that Christ might present it to himself a glorious church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing but that it should be holy and glorious?

What Paul writes concerning the readiness of the Body of Christ:



2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Eph 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:

Eph 3:6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:

Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

There is “one body” that is “called” which differs from the BoC in that it needs to make itself ready:



Ephesians 4:4 *There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;*

Ephesians 5:23, 27, 30, 32 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. ... That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. ... For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. ... This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Revelation 19:7-8 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

Then, there is the Body of Christ which differs in a special area:



Philippians 3:9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

Ephesians 6...to whom does this chapter
primarily provide instruction?