



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.

Jesus Christ to the Body of Christ:

Eph 5:23 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.

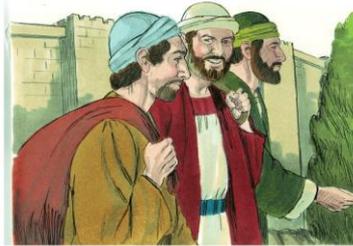
Col 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

For those who consider themselves “saints”
Jesus has another title:

Rev 15:3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous *are* thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true *are* thy ways, thou King of saints.

Paul's salutation –

Eph 1:1 - Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:



- Two groups greeted
- The second group is composed of more than one party as the text will reveal



The first group, saints, descriptively identified:

Eph 1:3...12 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ: ...

... (v12) That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

- v4 hath chosen us in him before
- v5 predestinated us...adoption of children
- v9 made known unto us the mystery
- v11 we have obtained...inheritance...predestinated
- v12 we should be...who first trusted in Christ.

The second group, faithful in Christ:

Eph 1:13...23 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise...

...(v22)and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church...

...(v23)which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

- v14 (not “yours”, but “our inheritance”, see verse 11)
- v15 your faith...love unto all the saints
- v16 thanks for you...mention of you
- v17 may give unto you
- v18 your understanding...that ye may know
- v19-23 to us-ward (saints, and closing to BoC)

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



The Faithful in Christ



Apostle Paul



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Ephesians 2:1-10 addresses the Jewish faithful in Jesus Christ followed by the Gentile faithful in Jesus Christ (v11-18) through to “of twain one new man”.

- v1 you...were dead...”trespasses and sins” addresses both Jew and Gentile.
- v2-3 “time past” ye walked (before the cross), “children” (Israel).
- v4 “mercy” ...he loved us (Jewish faithful)
- v5 “we were dead” ...“quickenened us together”
- v8 for by grace are ye saved
- v10 we are his workmanship (Jewish faithful)

Ephesians 2:11-18 addresses the Gentiles who now are also “faithful brethren”:

Eph 2:11-18 Wherefore remember, that *ye being* in time past Gentiles in the flesh,... to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

- v12 “without Christ” ... “aliens” ... “no hope”
- v12 strangers “from”
- v13 “made nigh by the blood of Christ”
- v14 “made both one” ... “middle wall of partition”
- v15 “abolished...enmity” ... “one new man”
- v16 “reconciled both” ... “one body by the cross”
- v17 “you...afar off...them that were nigh”
- v18 “we both have access”

Ephesians 2:19-22 Paul elaborates on the
“one new man”:

Eph 2:19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers
and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints,
and of the household of God; (“strangers” see v11)

v20 “built upon the foundation” (see 1Cor 3:10-11)

v21 “the building fitly framed together”

v22 “ye also are builded together”

Ephesians 3:1-12 Paul, starting with the Gentiles, addresses the Body of Christ:

Eph 3:1-2 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

(What?! Does not Paul KNOW whether or not the Ephesian Gentiles “have heard”?)

v3-7 (Paul elaborates concerning the “dispensation”)

v8 (Paul was a “saint”)

v9-12 (Paul addresses a larger audience.)

v13-21 (Paul’s prayer for the mystery fellowship.)

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,

v2-3 (instruction as to a "worthy" walk.)

v4-6 "ye are called" ... "your calling"

v7-11 (The little flock Saints would have background to understand what here is being said...Gentiles not.)

v12 (Three purposes for gifts given.) "gift" vs "talent"

v13-16 (section concludes, v16, with the ultimate objective. Note word: v14 "children")

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,

V18-24 ("walk" instructions based on what they had "learned".)

v25-29 (further "walk" instructions and the reasons: v27 & v29 where v29 reflects back onto v16.

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

v30 “ye are sealed”... “day of redemption”. See Luke 21:28, and Ephesians 1:13 (this is a matter that could be explained to the Gentile believers by the Jewish members of the BoC.)

v31-32 (more matters concerning behaviour including a motivating explanation – the Jew was not learned in the doctrine of “hath forgiven you”; having all sins, passed/present/future, forgiven was NOT possible under the Law.)

Ephesians 5:1-33...to whom does this chapter primarily provide instruction?