

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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The Saint-Hood of the Believer

*The quality and or state of being a Saint, one of God’s chosen people
(Webster’s Dictionary)*

“For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints: they are preserved for ever: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off” (Psa.37:28).

“ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked” (Psa. 97:10).

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints” (Psa.116:15).

Dear beloved of Christ, called to believe the everlasting gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: I have heard of late of the proposed orthodoxy of making the previous Roman Catholic Pope John Paul as a recognized “SAINT” among the others which have been set apart as “SAINTS” within this religious order over time. One must meet certain criteria to be eligible to be elevated to the position of “SAINT.” One must have performed two spiritual miracles during their Papal reign to be acceptable in becoming a Catholic Saint, among other certain requirements.

How sad that those of such religious order DO NOT read the Holy Writ and see whom GOD has determined as His “Saints.”

May we observe the writings of the apostle Paul as he addresses the churches of the New Testament in regards to this title SAINT:

“To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 1:7).

“Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified (set apart) in Christ Jesus called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours” (I Cor. 1:2).

“Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, into the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia” (II Cor. 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” (Eph. 1:1).

“Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons” (Phil. 1:1). “Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me greet you” (Phil. 4:21).

“To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” (Colo. 1:2).

NOTE: If one notices; the apostle, in most cases, addresses the churches with the term, “God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,” revealing the inseparable duality of deity within the Father and the Son.

Brethren, there are over SIXTY (60) scriptures referencing those who believe in Christ Jesus as SAINTS. This word “SAINT” is the Greek word hag’-ee-os; defined as sacred, blameless, consecrated, SAINT. Per the scriptures, those who have been elect, called, ordained, appointed, chosen, and predestined by God Almighty have been caused to believe upon the advocacy and sacrificial atonement of our Lord Jesus Christ, as manifested by the evidence of the fruit of the Spirit are THE SAINTS OF GOD!

*We who have been blessed to believe this everlasting good news gospel have also been consecrated, sanctified and been translated into the kingdom of God’s dear Son. We NOW after this miracle of divine grace which is regenerated, and caused the New Birth to occur, have been determined as the SAINTS of God by the operation of free and sovereign grace apart from any works, obligations, and efforts of the creature. God Almighty **alone** can transform a natural-born depraved sinner into a God- created NEW MAN, which manifests the Spirit-caused behavior that becometh the SAINTS of God.*

God alone shall present we who are caused to believe in the salvation of the sinner through the vicarious blood atonement of Jesus Christ as BLAMELESS, as He has removed our sin as far as the east is from the west, NEVER to be remembered again!

How glorious the message that our sovereign Head and Almighty God has been pleased, out of the fall of mankind through sin’s dread depravity, has chosen a people for his name’s sake: Those who were not a people, yet have been manifest as those

chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world to be “SAINTS,” who make up the Bride of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom He shall make without “spot nor wrinkle,” in His preparation to receive them unto Himself, as He prepares this royal and majestic marriage to himself as the ultimate Bridegroom of God’s eternal heritage.

***The saints Emmanuel’s portion are,
redeemed by price, reclaimed by power,
His special choice; and tender care owns them
and guards them every hour.***

***He finds them in a barren land;
beset with sins, and fears, and woes;
He leads and guides them by his hand,
and bears them safe from all their foes.***

(Lloyd’s Hymnal song 501)

*Respectfully submitted,
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