

Forgetting not all His benefits PDF

Hymn of praise 1-2

Eph 1:1, 2 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:

2 Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rev 2: 1-7 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Did Paul miss something?

Gospel John love 39 times 1 John 26 times 1 Cor and book of Eph 14 times

Teaching instruction but then comes rebuke.

Eph 6: 23-24 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen

Your name and the will of God

Paul, an apostle- 2 Cor, Gal, Col, 1 & 2 Tim

The Same 3 words , Paul, an apostle.

Paul the apostle no it is rather Paul comma an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God

Paul teaches throughout his letters not to boast in titles but to boast in the Lord. 1 Cor 15:9-10 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

But at the same time, he knows who he is. Does not have to carry around like a badge of honor but chooses to walk in humility.

Now we see that he is an apostle humble but doing the work.

What gets a person to achieve the point of apostleship?

3 Callings from the Lord

1. **Calling to all repent -Universal call**
2. **Individual call to repentance -Character call**
3. **The call to ministry-Ministerial call or professional call**

Jesus Christ by the will of God-the Lord call us to a ministry according to his perfect will. Jesus Christ called the disciples, but he chose the apostles. Not all the 12 became apostles. But he called all. You and I Jesus Christ calls to come unto him first and foremost. Second he calls us to ministry but the calling of ministry is not the separation to do the work.

Acts 13:2, 3 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

We cannot assume if we have been called to pastor that the next day you are ready to be a pastor. There must be a separation To proceed in our

growing and learning. The will of God is perfected in our life when we are obedient to his commands. We do not run ahead nor do we lag behind we stay in step with what he wants to do in our lives.



I want us to reread that verse Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God,

Let's change the name of Paul to your name. And what the Lord has you doing right now.

to the saints which are at Ephesus, and to the faithful in Christ Jesus:

We are all called to be Saints first and foremost. The latter half he calls us all to also but this is determined by our actions in Christ Jesus.

Saints

Define saint? 1 consecrated to God, separated, set apart, favored or gracious one.

(Basically the word refers to a believer's position in Christ rather than to what he is in himself. Believers Bible commentary page 1905)

Characteristics of a saint?

Rev 14:12 Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

1. Patient in suffering
2. keeping the commandments
3. keeping the faith of Jesus Christ

Are there degrees in saints?

- The simple answer is No but there are degrees in dedication, in service and in charitable service towards others.
- There is no place in scripture where any of the apostles left it to the head of the church to canonize believers as Saints.

Faithful-faithful in duty to oneself and to others of true fidelity dependable to God.

Eph 6:21 But that ye also may know my affairs, and how I do, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things:



Key here the Key to the book of Ephesians.

in Christ Jesus

13 times in the next 14 verses ; In Christ or In Him

27 whole book.

In means location.

In the first verse we read “at Ephesus”

But now Paul will teach us a new location. In Christ Jesus!

Grace be to you, and peace

Paul is not explaining how they are saved. Paul is not saying why they are saved. He is speaking explicitly to believers in Jesus Christ.

- Paul is speaking with assurance.
- Paul is speaking from God to the believer.
- Paul is declaring what God has already done to the believer.

Philippians 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

- Paul is speaking favor upon the believer.
- Paul is speaking peace that passes all understanding upon the believer.

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The Father's plan of salvation. 3-6

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:

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

The Son paid for salvation. 7-12

The Holy Spirit applied salvation. 13-14