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1. The _____ of Paul

Paul introduces himself and, though prosaic for some, this is a treasure of testimony on his part. This former Pharisee, in humble acknowledgement of God's sovereign will, now serves Christ as an apostle.

No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ~ 2 Timothy 2:4

2. The _____ of the Church

How do you know the church? It is the gathering of the sanctified and faithful in Christ Jesus who are set apart from the world and bound in loving obedience to the Lord.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ~ 1 Peter 2:9

3. The _____ of God

There are two qualities God imparts to His faithful in Christ: grace and peace. If you know the former, you will discover the latter. But without the grace of God, you will not have any claim to the peace of God.

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. ~ 2 Peter 1:2

1 JOHN 1:6-7

IF WE SAY WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM WHILE WE WALK IN DARKNESS, WE LIE AND DO NOT PRACTICE THE TRUTH. BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS HIS SON CLEANSSES US FROM ALL SIN.

Additional Scripture References

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**Romans 14:17-18**

*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.*

**Luke 22:27**

*For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.*

**John 12:26**

*If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.*

**Colossians 1:2**

*To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.*

**Psalms 16:1-3**

*Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.*

**Romans 16:20**

*The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

**2 Corinthians 13:14**

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*