



“Saints”

Christ Image vs Self Image
I Corinthians 1:1-9

Saints are those who:

I. Belong –“called to be saints with all in every place” (vs. 1-3)

We have a:

- A. Family** –“Unto the church of God”
- B. Faith** - “call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord”
- C. Father** –“Grace...and peace, from God our Father”

II. Benefit –“enriched by Him” (vs. 4-7)

We are blessed with:

- A. Grace** - “the grace of God which is given you”
- B. Growth** –“in all utterance, and in all knowledge”
- C. Gifts** –“So that ye come behind in no gift”

III. Believe –“God is faithful, by whom ye were called” (vs. 7-9)

We rely on in His:

- A. Coming** –“waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”
- B. Confirming** – “Who shall confirm you unto the end”
- C. Calling** – “called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus...”

Sentence Sermon:

“Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.”

Colossians 3:9-10

Additional Verses

- *Colossians 1:2, 12*
- *Ephesians 1:1; 3:8*
- *Philippians 1:1*
- *Matthew 27:52*
- *I Corinthians 6:2*
- *Psalms 16:3; 50:5; 85:8*
- *Romans 8:27*
- *I Thessalonians 5:24*
- *I Corinthians 10:13*
- *Philippians 1:16*
- *Titus 2:13*
- *II Corinthians 6:10*
- *Romans 8:19, 23, 25*
- *Galatians 5:5*
- *II Corinthians 8:7-11; 9:1-7*

Questions to Ponder:

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. What does the mention of Sosthenes bring to mind for the recipients?
4. What definition of a saint can you construct from verse 2.
5. How does Paul's greeting in vs.3-4 hint at the Corinthian problems?
6. What advantages or benefits did the Corinthian believers enjoy?
7. How does Paul use the prophesy of future events to encourage them?
8. What gives Paul the confidence he has in the Corinthian believers?
9. What about the faithfulness was Paul referencing in verse 9?
10. Where should we get our self worth and self image?
11. Can you imagine Paul speaking the same things about you? Why not?
12. How has God enriched you, your faith, and your quality of life?