

EVERYDAY SAINTS

THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS

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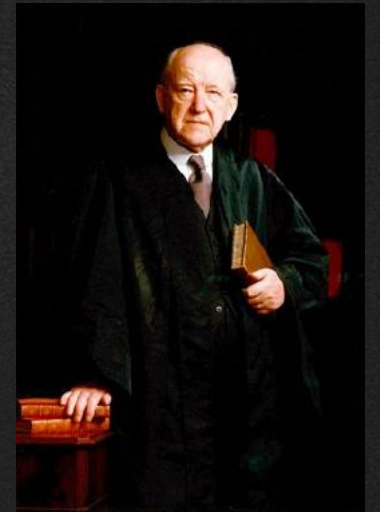
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Ephesians 1:1-2

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus: ² Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

“The Bible is God’s book, it is a revelation of God, and our thinking must always start with God. Much of the trouble in the Church today is due to the fact that we are so subjective, so interested in ourselves, so egocentric. Having forgotten God, we become miserable and wretched, and spend our time in the ‘shallows and miseries’.



The message of the Bible from beginning to end is designed to bring us back to God, to humble us before God, and to enable us to see our true relationship to Him. That is the great theme of this Epistle; it holds us face to face with God, and what God is, and what God has done; it emphasizes throughout- the glory and the greatness of God- God the Eternal One, God the everlasting, God over all- and the indescribable glory of God.”

Ephesians 1:1a

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of God,

Three Shifts in Ephesians

2:6 and raised us up with him and seated
us with Him in the heavenly places in
Christ Jesus.

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4:1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,

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6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **STAND** against the schemes of the devil.

Ephesians 1:1b

To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

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All Christians are Saints

What does it mean to be a Saint?

1. Saints are set apart

1 Peter 2:9

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.

What does it mean to be a Saint?

1. Saints are set apart
2. Saints are consecrated [holy]

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A Christian is one who has *Saint* as their constant identity and *Sinner* as their occasional activity.

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A Saint is someone who is being cleansed from that which pollutes our minds, our hearts, our actions.

What does it mean to be a Saint?

1. Saints are set apart
2. Saints are consecrated [holy]
3. Saints are faithful in Christ Jesus

Ephesians 1:b

To the saints who [*are in Ephesus, and*] are faithful in Christ Jesus:

What does it mean to be a Saint?

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2. Saints are consecrated [holy]
3. Saints are faithful in Christ Jesus
4. Saints are recipients of God's grace

Ephesians 1:2

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What does it mean to be a Saint?

1. Saints are set apart
2. Saints are consecrated [holy]
3. Saints are faithful in Christ Jesus
4. Saints are recipients of God's grace
5. Saints are those who experience peace with God