

THE SAINTS

A Study Guide for Leaders in the Body of Christ

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INTRODUCTION:

There are many people that have misunderstandings of **who** and **what** “The Saints” are. Most people know that the term “Saint” exists in the Bible, but that is about all that they know. There are even many Christians today that are not sure of what is meant by the term “Saint”.

The purpose of this “Study Guide” is to help clarify these misunderstandings and to reveal to the ‘Body of Christ’ the importance of knowing who **we** are and what **we** stand for **as** “The Saints” of God.

Actually, the term “Saints” is used in both the Old and the New Testaments and refers to the ‘People of God’ that are here on earth **and** those that have already gone to Heaven. “The Saints” that **are** here on earth **and** those that are already in Heaven are those people that have been Saved by ‘Faith’.

The Bible states that: “The just shall live by Faith.” (Romans 1:17 Galatians 3:11 Hebrews 10:38)

The basic difference between the Old Testament “Saints” and the New Testament “Saints” is that the Old Testament “Saints” became the ‘heirs of Righteousness’ by their Faith in the future promises of God (Hebrews 11:6-9), whereas the New Testament “Saints” are Saved by their Faith in Jesus Christ. (Galatians 3:14)

Paul states in the following Scriptures that Salvation is a mystery to those that are not Saved, but that God has revealed this mystery to His “Saints”, and that mystery IS CHRIST IN US, which is the hope of Glory.

Col 1:25-27

25 **Whereof I (Paul) am made a minister, according to the dispensation (stewardship) of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God;**

26 **Even the mystery which hath been hid (concealed away or kept secret) from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest (apparent) to his Saints:**

27 **To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles (those tribes, nations, peoples, heathen or pagans); which is Christ in you, the hope (the anticipation with pleasure, the expectation or confidence) **of glory:****

Once we have been Saved we are Baptized into Christ, and no matter whether we are Jew or Gentile, male or female, we become as one and are part of Abraham’s seed and heirs according to the promise!

Gal 3:27-29

27 **For as many of you as have been baptized (immersed) into Christ have put on Christ.**

28 **There is neither Jew nor Greek (Gentile), there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.**

29 **And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed (offspring), and heirs according to the promise.**

* Note - There are some religious groups that according to their traditions may use or have different meanings for the term “Saint”. However, this “Study Guide” is Biblically Accurate and includes **all** the Scriptures in the Bible that contain the word “Saint” within them and its actual meaning.

I. THE MEANING OF THE WORD SAINT IN WORLDLY TERMS:

The following is what the Dictionary states are the meanings for the word “Saint” in English.

Of course these meanings are **not** all Biblically accurate and are added only for your information.

In the Dictionary:

English:

Saint **1.a.** *Theology.* A person officially recognized, especially by canonization, as being entitled to public veneration and capable of interceding for people on earth. **b.** **A person who has died and gone to heaven.** **c. Saint.** A member of any of various religious groups, especially a Latter-Day Saint. **2.** An extremely virtuous person. **Saint**, saint·ed, saint·ing, **Saints.** **To name, recognize, or venerate as a Saint;** canonize.

II. THE MEANING OF THE TERM SAINT IN HEBREW:

The Biblical explanation for the term “Saint” in Hebrew is as follows:

In the Bible:

Hebrew:

6918 qadowsh (kaw-doshe');
or qadosh (kaw-doshe'); from 6942; **sacred** (ceremonially or **morally**); (as noun) **God** (by eminence),
an angel, **a Saint**, a sanctuary:

KJV-- **holy (One), Saint.**

6922 qaddiysh (Aramaic) (kad-deesh'); corresponding to OT:6918. KJV - **holy (One), Saint.**

2623 chaciyd (khaw-seed'); from OT:2616; properly, kind, i.e. (religiously) pious (**a Saint**):

KJV - **godly (man), good, holy (one), merciful, Saint.**

6944 qodesh (ko'-desh);

from 6942; **a sacred** place or **thing**; rarely abstract, sanctity:

KJV-- **consecrated (thing), dedicated (thing), hallowed (thing), holiness, (X most) holy (X day, portion, thing), Saint, sanctuary.**

III. THE MEANING OF THE TERM SAINT IN THE GREEK:

The Biblical explanation for the term “Saint” in the Greek is as follows:

In the Bible:

Greek:

40 hagios (hag'-ee-os);

from hagos (an awful thing) [compare 53, 2282]; **sacred (physically, pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially, consecrated):**

KJV-- **(most) holy (one, thing), Saint.**

IV. THE SAINTS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT:

“The Saints” that are mentioned in the Old Testament consist of God’s people whether they were here on Earth or in ‘Paradise’. It is important to note that ‘Paradise’, which is called ‘Abraham’s Bosom’ in the New Testament, was at that time located in the center of the Earth visibly next to or a part of Hell (Hades). (Luke 16:22-31 Luke 23:39-43 John 3:13) Now, however, ‘Paradise’ is in Heaven itself! (2 Corinthians 12:2-4 Revelation 2:7)

According to the New Testament, after Jesus died on the Cross, He went and preached to the spirits in prison. (1 Peter 3:18-19) Then when He ascended up on High, He took the Old Testament “Saints” to Heaven with Him. This is what is meant by the statement that “Jesus took captivity captive”. (Psalms 68:18 Ephesians 4:8-10)

In the following Scriptures Moses blesses the children of Israel before his death. He begins by describing the glorious appearances of God to them. He explains that when the Lord came from Mount Sinai to give the law, ten thousands of God’s “Saints” appeared with Him from Heaven. However, this more accurately means ten thousands of God’s “Angels” or “Holy Ones” appeared with Him in Heaven and not “Saints”. (Acts 7:53 & Psalms 68:17)

The misused word for “Saints” here in Hebrew is ‘qodesh’ (6944) which is the only time this word is used for “Saints” in the Bible! Therefore, “Saints” here most likely means “Angels” or “Holy Ones”. This actually makes sense because according to the New Testament, the Old Testament “Saints” were not taken to Heaven prior to Jesus taking ‘captivity captive’, but were instead taken to ‘Abraham’s Bosom’; thus they could not have come with the Lord from Heaven at that time.

Deut 33:1-2

1 And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death.

2 And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of Saints (6944) (Angels or Holy Ones): from his right hand went a fiery law for them.

A. THE JEWISH SAINTS:

In the following Scripture Moses states that God loved the people (the Jews), and all those that are “His Saints” are in the Hand (or power) of the Lord.

Deut 33:3

3 Yea, he loved the people; all his Saints (6918) are in thy hand (thine own hand or power): and they sat down at thy feet; every one shall receive of thy words.

Here Aaron the Brother and Prophet of Moses was called a “Saint” of the Lord. (Exodus 7:1)

Ps 106:16

16 They envied Moses also in the camp, and Aaron the Saint (6918) of the LORD.

B. THE SAINTS REJOICE IN GOODNESS:

In Solomon’s prayer to God for the forgiveness of his people, he included asking God to let “The Saints” ‘Rejoice in Goodness’.

2 Chron 6:40-41

40 Now, my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent (attentive) unto the prayer that is made in this place.

41 Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy Saints (2623) rejoice in goodness (good things, in favor, good deeds, kindness, and prosperity).

2 Chron 7:1

1 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

C. THE SAINTS ARE TO GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD:

In the following Scripture, David states that “The Saints” are to ‘Sing’ and to make music unto the Lord, and to give ‘Thanks’ with extended hands at the remembrance of His Holiness.

Ps 30:4

4 Sing (and make music) unto the LORD, O ye Saints (2623) of his, and give thanks (to revere or worship - with extended hands) at the remembrance of his holiness.

D. THE SAINTS ARE TO PRAISE THE LORD:

Here David states that he is like a green olive tree (planted and rooted, fixed and flourishing) in the House of God. Therefore, he will trust in the mercy (the favor, goodness, and loving- kindness) of God forever and ever. (Psalms 92:13-14)

David then states that he will ‘Praise God Forever’ because he knows that even though it had not yet come to fruition, God would eventually avenge the blood of His Priests upon the enemy.

Then he states that he will wait with expectation upon the Name of the Lord because this is good before all of “The Saints”.

Ps 52:8-9

8 But I am like a green olive tree (planted and rooted, fixed and flourishing) in the house of God: I trust in the mercy (favor, goodness, loving- kindness) of God forever and ever.

9 I will praise thee forever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait (patiently or tarry) on thy name; for it is good (well favored by) before (in sight of or in view of) thy Saints (2623).

Here it is said that the Heavens themselves will ‘Praise the Wonders (or Miracles) of the Lord’, and His Faithfulness (or Truth) will be Praised in the Congregation of “The Saints”.

Ps 89:5-6

5 And the heavens shall praise thy wonders (miracles), O LORD: thy faithfulness (truth) also in the congregation (multitude) of the Saints (6918).

For who in Heaven can be compared to the Lord?

6 For who in the heaven can be compared unto the LORD? who among the sons of the mighty can be likened unto the LORD?

The following is what is called David’s ‘Psalm of Praise’. Here he explains that God’s works themselves bring ‘Praise’ to Him. Also that “The Saints” who have received much from the Lord shall Bless (kneel down as an act of adoration to) the Lord.

Ps 145:10-11

10 All thy works shall **praise thee, O LORD; and thy Saints** (2623) shall bless (kneel down as an act of adoration to) **thee**.

“The Saints” shall also speak of the Glory of God’s Kingdom and talk of His Power (Might).

11 **They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power** (Might);

God exalts (lifts up or sets on high) the horn (the ray of light) of His people which **is** the ‘Praise’ of **all** of His “Saints”. This includes “The Saints” of the children of Israel who are a people near to Him! Therefore **‘Praise ye the Lord’!**

Ps 148:14

14 **He also exalteth** (lifts up or sets on high) **the horn** (the ray of light) **of his people, the praise of all his Saints** (2623); **even of the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD.**

We are all to ‘Praise the Lord in the Congregation’ (assembly, company or multitude) of His “Saints”, and to sing unto Him a New Song. (Psalms 40:3 144:9 Isaiah 42:10)

Ps 149:1

1 **Praise ye the LORD. Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise in the congregation** (assembly, company or multitude) **of Saints** (2623).

E. THE SAINTS LOVE THE LORD:

“The Saints” are to **‘Love the Lord’** (Matthew 22:37-38 Mark 12:30), because HE preserves the Faithful who are steadfast and trustworthy, and He exceedingly rewards those that are excellent **doers** of His Word. (James 1:22)

Ps 31:23

23 **O love the LORD, all ye his Saints** (2623): **for the LORD preserveth the faithful** (of long continuance, steadfast, sure and trustworthy), **and plentifully** (abundantly, exceedingly) **rewardeth** (reciprocates, gives again, pays again, prospers, or recompenses) **the proud** (magnificent or excellent) **doer** (accomplisher, finisher, fulfiller, laborer and worker).

F. THE SAINTS FEAR THE LORD:

“The Saints” are to **‘Fear the Lord’!**

The word **‘Fear’** which is OT:3372 yare' (yaw-ray') in Strong’s Concordance means to fear; morally to revere and to be had in reverence. Also, OT:3374 yir'ah (yir-aw') means to fear; morally, reverence: exceedingly, and fear (-fulness).

Here David states that “The Saints” are to **‘Fear the Lord’**, because there is no want (or need) to them that **‘Fear’** Him! (Matthew 10:28 Luke 12:5)

Ps 34:9

9 **O fear** (3372) (to fear, morally to revere, to be had in reverence) **the LORD, ye his Saints** (6918): **for there is no want** (or need) **to them that fear him** (3373) (are exceedingly morally reverent).

God is to be 'Greatly Feared' in the Assembly of "The Saints". 'Greatly Feared' which is OT:6206 **`arats**; means to awe or to dread; be affrighted, afraid, dread, feared, terrified, or shake terribly.

Ps 89:7

7 **God is greatly** (abundantly, exceedingly, mightily) **to be feared** (6202) (to be in awe of or to shake terribly) **in the assembly** (company of persons) **of the Saints** (6918), **and to be had in reverence** (3372) (to fear, morally to revere, to be had in reverence) **of all them that are about him** (around, compass, on every side).

You might ask yourself: How do I know if I truly 'Fear the Lord'?
The answer is: you know if you truly 'Fear the Lord' if you 'Hate Evil'!

Prov 8:13

13 **The fear of the LORD is to hate** (to personally hate, or to utterly hate) **evil**:...

Therefore, if we truly Love the Lord, we **will** 'Hate Evil'!

Ps 97:10

10 **Ye that love the LORD, hate** (personally hate, or utterly hate) **evil**:...

If you truly 'Fear the Lord' and 'Hate Evil' then you will 'Depart from Evil'.
Thus, we as "Saints" are to 'Hate Evil' and to 'Depart from Evil'!

Prov 3:7

7 **Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart** (turn off, decline, put away, put down, take away, take off, turn aside, turn away, and withdraw) **from evil**.

Prov 16:6

6 **By mercy and truth iniquity is purged: and by the fear of the LORD men depart** (turn off, decline, put away, put down, take away, take off, turn aside, turn away, and withdraw) **from evil**.

G. THE LORD GUARDS AND PROTECTS HIS SAINTS:

The Lord preserves (guards and protects) the souls of "His Saints" and delivers them out of the hand of the wicked (ungodly).

Ps 97:10

10 **...he preserveth** (guards and protects) **the souls of his Saints** (2623); **he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked** (ungodly).

The Lord 'guards and protects' the feet (the steps) of "His Saints".

1 Sam 2:9

9 **He will keep** (guard or protect) **the feet** (the steps) **of his Saints** (2623), **and the wicked** (ungodly) **shall be silent in darkness; for by strength shall no man prevail**.

The Lord 'guards and protects' the way (the course of life or mode of action) of "His Saints".

Prov 2:8

8 **He keepeth** (maintains or preserves) **the paths of judgment** (justice), **and preserveth** (guards or protects) **the way** (the course of life or mode of action) **of his Saints** (2623).

The Lord will never forsake “His Saints”, for he has preserved (guarded, protected, and reserved) them forever. (Psalms 94:14 Hebrews 13:5)

Ps 37:28

28 **For the LORD loveth judgment** (justice, right), **and forsaketh** (relinquishes) **not his Saints** (2623); **they are preserved** (guarded, protected, and reserved) **for ever: but the seed** (children or fruit) **of the wicked** (ungodly) **shall be cut off**.

H. THE SAINTS SHOUT AND SING ALOUD FOR JOY:

In Solomon’s prayer to God for Divine favor in his building of the Temple, Solomon asks that the Priests be clothed with Righteousness and to let “The Saints” ‘Shout and Sing aloud for Joy’!

Ps 132:9-10

9 **Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; and let thy Saints** (2623) **shout for joy** (to cry out, to be joyful, to greatly rejoice, to sing aloud for joy).

Then Solomon asks God that for his Father David’s sake, do not turn away or deny the things that his ‘Anointed One’ has asked for.

10 **For thy servant David's sake turn not away the face of thine anointed** (a consecrated person such as a King).

God’s answer is the Priests **will be** clothed with Salvation and “The Saints” **will** ‘Shout aloud for Joy’!

Ps 132:16-17

16 **I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her Saints** (2623) **shall shout aloud for joy** (to cry out, to be joyful, to greatly rejoice, to sing aloud for joy).

As God has made the horn of David to bud, He has also ordained a lamp for ‘His Anointed’ (Saints). The horn here is OT:7161 qeren (keh'-ren); from OT:7160; which means a horn (as projecting); by implication, a ray (of light); figuratively, power. Also, OT:7160 qaran (kaw-ran'); used only as denominative from OT:7161, to shoot out horns; figuratively, rays. (Psalms 75:10)

17 **There will I make the horn** (rays of light or power) **of David to bud** (spring forth or grow): **I have ordained a lamp** (or glistening light) **for mine anointed** (a consecrated person such as a King, Priest or Saint).

As “Saints” all of us are to be ‘Joyful’ in the Glory and Honor of our Lord and to ‘Sing aloud’ to Him upon our beds.

Ps 149:5

5 **Let the Saints** (2623) **be joyful in glory** (and honor): **let them sing aloud upon their beds**.

I. FAITHFUL SAINTS:

God states that even though part of a Nation (such as the tribes of Ephraim and Israel) rules with lies and deceit, God will still save a 'remnant' of that Nation (such as the tribe of Judah) that rules with God and is Faithful with "The Saints".

Hos 11:9

9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee: and I will not enter into the city.

Hos 11:12

12 Ephraim compasseth me about with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit: but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the Saints (6918).

J. GOD'S JUDGEMENT AND THE SAINTS:

In a Psalm of A-saph it is prophesied that before the Lord returns, He shall not keep silent, but He shall Call to the Heavens from above and to the Earth, that He is ready to Judge His people!

Ps 50:3-6

3 Our God shall come (doubtless come again), and shall not keep silence (be silent or hold His tongue): a fire shall devour (burn up or consume) before him, and it shall be very tempestuous (come like a whirlwind) round about him.

4 He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

Then at His 'Second Coming', the Lord will gather all of "His Saints" together to Himself, which are those that have made a covenant with Him by His Sacrifice!

5 Gather my Saints (2623) together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by (because of) sacrifice (in Hebrew sacrifice means the victim or the act, of which in the New Testament, Jesus is the victim and the act is His Crucifixion).

The Heavens will declare The Lord's Righteousness for God is Judge Himself! (John 5:22 5:30)

**6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness (righteous justice): for God is judge himself.
Selah.**

"The Saints" will have the honor to 'Execute Judgment' **with** the Lord. (1 Corinthians 6:2 Revelation 1:6 5:10) This will be done with a 'two-edged sword'.

Ps 149:6-9

**6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, (Hebrews 4:12)
and a twoedged sword in their hand; (Revelation 1:16)**

7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people;

8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

**9 To execute upon them the judgment (justice) written: this honour have all his Saints (2623).
Praise ye the LORD.**

K. THE DEATH OF THE SAINTS:

This Scripture about how God regards 'The Death' of "His Saints" is one of the most comforting in the entire Bible.

Ps 116:15

15 **Precious** (prized, valuable or honorable) **in the sight** (eye) **of the LORD is the death of his Saints** (2623).

L. WARNINGS TO THE SAINTS:

Here David ‘Warns’ that even “The Saints” that are here on the Earth will have multiplied sorrows **if** they run after other ‘gods’!

Ps 16:1-4

1 **Mich'-tam** (a poem or golden Psalm) **of David. Preserve** (protect) **me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.**

2 **O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to** (is nothing apart from) **thee;**

3 **But to the Saints** (6918) **that are in** (on) **the earth, and to the excellent** (worthy ones), **in whom is all my delight.**

4 **Their sorrows** (and pain) **shall be multiplied that hasten** (hurry, are carried headlong, or make speed) **after another god:...**

The Lord will speak peace (welfare, health and prosperity) to His “Saints”, however, He ‘Warns’ them not to turn back again to folly! (2 Peter 2:20-22 Proverbs 26:11)

Ps 85:7-8

7 **Shew us thy mercy** (loving kindness), **O LORD, and grant us thy salvation.**

8 **I will hear what God the LORD will speak: for he will speak peace** (welfare, health and prosperity) **unto his people** (those of Israel), **and to his Saints** (2623): **but let them not turn again** (turn back, slide back or turn away) **to folly.**

Here some of the Old Testament “Saints” were ‘martyred’, just as some of “The Saints” are being ‘martyred’ today (Revelation 2:8-10), however, sometimes this ‘martyrdom’ can be caused by the sins of the people in their land.

Ps 79:1-9

1 A Psalm of A-saph. **O God, the heathen are come into thine inheritance; thy holy temple have they defiled; they have laid Jerusalem on heaps** (in ruins).

2 **The dead bodies of thy servants** (bond) **have they given to be meat unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy Saints** (2623) **unto the beasts of the earth.**

3 **Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; and there was none to bury them.**

4 **We are become a reproach to our neighbours** (fellow-citizens), **a scorn and derision** (laughing-stock) **to them that are round about us.**

5 **How long, LORD? wilt thou be angry for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire?**

6 **Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon thy name.**

7 **For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling place.**

8 **O remember not against us former iniquities** (perversity, moral evil, sin): **let thy tender mercies speedily prevent** (precede) **us: for we are brought very low.**

9 **Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name: and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for thy name's sake.**

V. HOW THE OLD TESTAMENT SAINTS RECEIVED

SALVATION:

In Old Testament times, “The Saints” were never justified by the Law but received their Salvation only **By Their ‘Faith’ in the future promises of God.** (Romans 15:8 2 Corinthians 1:20 Galatians 3:16-18 3:24 Hebrews 11:13)

Gal 3:11-12

11 **But that no man** (or woman, nobody or thing) **is justified** (rendered just, innocent or righteous) **by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just** (innocent, righteous and Holy) **shall live by faith** (pistis 4102).

12 **And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them** (follows the law) **shall live in them** (by the law).

The following Scriptures describe some of the Old Testament “Saints” and how they received their Salvation through their Faith.

Heb 11:4 (Genesis 4:1-11)

4 **By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent** (more in quantity or quality or the major portion) **sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness** (gave evidence, gave testimony or bore record) **that he was righteous** (Just and Holy), **God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.**

Heb 11:5 (Genesis 5:18-24)

5 **By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation** (transferral to Heaven) **he had this testimony** (gave evidence, gave witness or bore record), **that he pleased God.**

Heb 11:7 (Genesis 6:8-22 7:1)

7 **By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared** (built, constructed, created) **an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.**

Heb 11:8 (Genesis 12:1-4 Romans 4:1-5 4:13 4:16 4:19-25)

8 **By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance** (heir-ship), **obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither** (where) **he went.**

Heb 11:11 (Genesis 17:19 21:1-2)

11 **Through faith also Sara herself received strength** (dunamis power) **to conceive seed** (an offspring), **and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged** (accounted, esteemed) **him faithful who had promised.**

Heb 11:17 (Genesis 22:1-13 James 2:20-23)

17 **By faith Abraham, when he was tried** (tested), **offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,**

Heb 11:20 (Genesis 27:26-40)

20 **By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau concerning things to come.**

Heb 11:21 (Genesis 48:1-5 48:16 48:20 49:33)

21 **By faith Jacob**, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.

Heb 11:22 (Genesis 50:24-26)

22 **By faith Joseph**, when he died, made mention of the departing (exodus) of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones.

Heb 11:23 (Exodus 2:1-3 Exodus 1:16 1:22)

23 **By faith Moses**, when he was born, was hid three months of (by) **his parents**, because they saw he was a proper (handsome) child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment.

Heb 11:24-25 (Exodus 2:11-15)

24 **By faith Moses**, when he was come to years (came of age), refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter;

25 Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season;

Heb 11:31 (Joshua 2:1-9 2:12-14 6:17 6:23 6:25 James 2:24-26)

31 **By faith the harlot Rahab** perished not with them that believed not, when she had received (accepted) the spies with peace.

Heb 11:32-34

32 **And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of**

Gedeon (Gideon) - (Judges 6:11 7:1-25),

and of Barak - (Judges 4:6-24),

and of Samson - (Judges 13:24-25 Ch. 14 Ch.15 16:1-31),

and of Jephthae (Jephthah) - (Judges 11:1-40 12:1-7);

of David also (1 Samuel Ch. 16 Ch. 17 Psalms 32:1-2 Romans 4:6-8),

and Samuel - (1 Samuel 7:1-17 Ch. 16 Ch. 19 28:1-3 Acts 13:20-21),

and of the prophets:

33 **Who through faith** (pistis 4102) **subdued** (overcame) **kingdoms**, **wrought** (worked) **righteousness**, **obtained** (attained) **promises**, **stopped** (silenced) **the mouths of lions**,

34 **Quenched** (extinguished) **the violence of fire**, **escaped the edge of the sword**, **out of weakness were made strong**, **waxed** (became, grew) **valiant** (mighty, powerful, strong) **in fight** (battle, warfare), **turned to flight the armies of the aliens** (foreigners).

VI. THE SAINTS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

“The Saints” that are mentioned in the New Testament are made up of God’s people whether here on Earth or those already in Heaven.

- Note - Since there is only one word in the Greek for the word “Saint”, which is **40 hagios** (hag'-ee-os); the Strong’s Concordance number after the word “Saint” or “Saints” has not been included in all of the Scriptures.

A. KNOWN AS SAINTS:

The first mention of “The Saints” in the New Testament is in the Gospel of Matthew. It states that when Jesus rose from the dead, many bodies of “The Saints” who had previously died arose with Him

and they appeared unto many people. Thus God's people that were already dead were known as "Saints".

Matt 27:52-53

52 **And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the Saints (40) which slept (were dead) arose (rose up),**

53 **And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.**

Here in the Book of Acts, Ananias is talking to the Lord about how Saul (soon to be called Paul), had done much evil to "The Saints" at Jerusalem. This demonstrates that the Christians in Jerusalem were also known as "Saints".

Acts 9:13

13 **Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil (harm) he hath done to thy Saints at Jerusalem:**

Acts 9:15

15 **But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way (depart): for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear (carry) my name before the Gentiles (those tribes, nations, peoples, heathen or pagans), and kings, and the children of Israel:**

Later on Paul testified about how he had treated "The Saints" before he too was Saved.

Acts 26:9-10

9 **I verily thought (was pleased) with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary (antagonistic) to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.**

10 **Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the Saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice (voted) against them.**

Here when Peter passed through Lydda, the Christians there were also known as "Saints".

Acts 9:32

32 **And it came to pass, as Peter passed (traveled) throughout all quarters (the country), he came down also to the Saints which dwelt at Lydda.**

After Peter raised Tabitha (or Dorcus) from the dead in Joppa, he called for all "The Saints" and widows together to present her alive.

Acts 9:36-37

36 **Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works (deeds) and almsdeeds (helping the poor) which she did.**

37 **And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber.**

Acts 9:41

41 **And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called (for) the Saints and widows, presented her alive.**

B. CALLED TO BE SAINTS:

Paul states that those that are Called of Jesus Christ are Called to be “Saints”.

Rom 1:6-7

6 Among whom are ye also the called (specifically a Saint) **of Jesus Christ:**

7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called (invited, appointed) to be Saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom 8:30

30 Moreover whom he did predestinate (predetermine or determine before), **them he also called** (bid, called forth, called aloud): **and whom he called** (bid, called forth, called aloud), **them he also justified** (made righteous): **and whom he justified** (made righteous), **them he also glorified** (gave glory and honor to).

1 Cor 1:2

2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified (made Holy, purified, consecrated) **in Christ Jesus, called (invited, appointed) to be Saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs (Lord) and ours:**

VII. HOW THE NEW TESTAMENT SAINTS RECEIVE**SALVATION:**

Jesus Christ has redeemed us from the ‘curse’ of the Law because He was made a ‘curse’ for us by being hanged on a tree (which is the Cross)! (Acts 5:30 10:39-40)

Jesus Christ the Son of God, made this sacrifice so that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles (the non-Jewish); so that we might receive the promise of the Holy Spirit through our Faith in Him.

Gal 3:13-14

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles (the non-Jewish, those tribes, nations, peoples, heathen or pagans) **through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith** (pistis 4102).

According to the New Testament we “The Saints” have been justified (made Holy and Righteous) and shall live (be quickened or made alive) by our Faith in Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 2:1 2:5 Colossians 2:13 1 Peter 3:18)

Heb 10:38-39

38 Now the just (Holy, righteous) **shall live** (be quickened, made alive) **by faith** (pistis 4102): **but if any man draw back** (withdraw), **my soul shall have no pleasure in him.**

39 But we are not of them who draw back (withdraw by apostasy) **unto perdition** (damnation); **but of them that believe** (have Faith - pistis 4102) **to the saving of the soul.**

Phil 3:9

9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness (justification), **which is of the law, but that which is through the faith** (pistis 4102) **of Christ, the righteousness** (Christian justification) **which is of God by faith** (pistis 4102):

Once we have been Saved and justified by the Faith of Christ, we are no more strangers but fellow citizens (fellow Christians) with **all** “The Saints” and a member of God’s Household (Family).

Eph 2:19-22

19 **Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners** (alien residents), **but fellow citizens** (fellow Christians) **with the Saints, and of the household** (family) **of God**;

20 **And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone**;

21 **In whom all the building** (structure) **fitly framed together** (closely joined together) **groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord**;

22 **In whom ye also are builded together** (constructed or composed together in company with other Christians) **for an habitation** (dwelling-place) **of God through the Spirit**.

No matter where we come from, **as** “Saints” we are **all** joint-heirs and are **all** part of the same “Body of Christ”.

Eph 3:6-8

6 **That the Gentiles** (those tribes, nations, peoples, heathen or pagans) **should be fellowheirs** (or joint-heirs together), **and of the same body** (and fellow members of the Christian community), **and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel**;

7 **Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working** (efficient operation) **of his power** (dunamis).

8 **Unto me, who am less than the least of all Saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles** (those tribes, nations, peoples, heathen or pagans) **the unsearchable riches of Christ**;

Because Christ dwells in our hearts by Faith, we have become rooted and grounded in His Love. Because we **are** rooted and grounded in Love, we **are** able to comprehend with all the “Saints” what is the breadth, length, depth, and height of all things and to know the Love of Christ that we may be ‘filled’ with all the ‘Fullness’ of God!

Eph 3:17-19

17 **That Christ may dwell** (be housed permanently, to reside, or to inhabit) **in your hearts by faith** (pistis 4102); **that ye, being rooted** (become stable) **and grounded in love**,

18 **May be able to comprehend** (apprehend, attain, find, or to perceive) **with all Saints what is the breadth** (width), **and length, and depth, and height**;

19 **And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God**.

VIII. THE CHURCHES OF THE SAINTS:

In the New Testament, Christian Churches are sometimes called the Churches of “The Saints”.

A. ORDER:

Because God is not the author of confusion, there needs to be order in the Churches of “The Saints”! Here Paul talks about Prophecy and how it is to be handled in the Church Services.

1 Cor 14:29-33

- 29 **Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge** (discern).
- 30 **If anything be revealed to another that sitteth by** (sits by), **let the first hold his peace.**
- 31 **For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn** (understand), **and all may be comforted.**
- 32 **And the spirits of the prophets are subject** (subordinate, obedient, subject) **to the prophets.**
- 33 **For God is not the author of confusion** (instability, disorder, commotion, tumult), **but of peace** (quietness and rest), **as in all churches of the Saints.**
- 1 Cor 14:39-40**
- 39 **Wherefore, brethren, covet** (earnestly, or desire) **to prophesy, and forbid not** (prevent not by word or act) **to speak with tongues.**
- 40 **Let all things be done decently** (honestly) **and in order.**

B. JUDGING:

As “Saints”, when we have a matter against another, we are **not** to sue, judge, condemn or punish them before the unjust (those that are not believers). Instead we are to judge another before the “Saints” in a Church setting. (Matthew 18:15-17)

Since we as “Saints” **shall judge** the World and Angels, how much more worthy are we to judge the smallest matters and the things that pertain to this life?

1 Cor 6:1-3

- 1 **Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law** (judge or sue, condemn or punish) **before the unjust** (unrighteous), **and not before the Saints?**
- 2 **Do ye not know that the Saints shall judge** (sue, condemn or punish) **the world? and if the world shall be judged** (condemned or punished) **by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters?**
- 3 **Know ye not that we shall judge** (condemn or punish) **angels? how much more things that pertain to this life?**

C. WIDOWS:

The following are some of the requirements for Widows to be employed or to be maintained by the Churches. (Acts 6:1 1 Timothy 5:3)

1 Tim 5:9-10

- 9 **Let not a widow be taken** (enrolled) **into the number under threescore years old** (60 years old), **having been the wife of one man** (husband),
- 10 **Well reported of for good works** (deeds or toil as an effort or occupation); **if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers** (to be hospitable - Romans 12:13 1 Peter 4:9), **if she have washed** (cleansed) **the Saints' feet, if she have relieved** (helped) **the afflicted, if she have diligently followed** (after) **every good work.**

D. WARNINGS:

The following are some general warnings to “The Saints” in the Churches.

This warning is for “The Saints” on how they should live their lives. It is also for the Pastors/Priests to warn their flocks of the consequences if they continue to do such things! (Ezekiel 3:20-21)

Eph 5:3-7

3 **But fornication** (harlotry, adultery, incest, idolatry, porn, indulging in unlawful lusts of either sex), **and all uncleanness** (impurity - physically or morally, lewd, foul, or demonic), **or covetousness** (fraudulency, extortion, greediness, desiring more, eager for gain), **let it not be once named among you, as becometh Saints:**

4 **Neither filthiness** (shamefulness or obscenity), **nor foolish talking** (silly talk, buffoonery, dull or stupid, heedless, blockhead, absurd), **nor jesting** (vulgar witticism), **which are not convenient** (proper or fit): **but rather giving of thanks.**

The consequences! (Galatians 5:19-21 6:7-8 Colossians 3:5-6 1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

5 **For this ye know, that no whoremonger** (a 'male' prostitute, fornicator), **nor unclean person** (impure, lewd, foul or demonic), **nor covetous man** (that defrauds, extorts, is greedy, always desiring more and eager for gain), **who is an idolater** (an image servant or worshipper or worship of a heathen god), **hath any inheritance** (heir-ship) **in the kingdom of Christ and of God.**

Therefore **do not** listen to anyone who says otherwise!

6 **Let no man deceive** (cheat or delude) **you with vain** (empty or fruitless) **words: for because of these things cometh the wrath** (punishment) **of God upon the children of disobedience** (unbelief, or disbelief 'obstinate or rebellious').

Thus we should not be partakers or participants with them in anything! (1 Corinthians 5:11)

7 **Be not ye therefore partakers** (co-participant, companions, or co-imitators) **with them.**

We need to be willing to 'contend for the Faith' which has been delivered unto us **who are** "The Saints".

Jude 3-4

3 **Beloved, when I gave all diligence** (eagerness, earnestness, carefulness) **to write unto you of the** (our) **common** (shared) **salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort** (beseech) **you that ye should earnestly contend for** (should struggle for) **the faith which was once** (one time or once for all) **delivered unto the Saints.**

This is because there are those who have **crept into** the Church unawares, who will eventually be manifested by their denying of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastors/Priests, the sooner you recognize them and get rid of them the better!

4 **For there are certain men crept in unawares** (settled in alongside), **who were before of old ordained to this condemnation** (damnation), **ungodly men** (wicked), **turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness** (filthy wantonness), **and denying** (contradicting, rejecting and refusing) **the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.**

IX. GREETINGS & SALUTATIONS:

The following are 'Greetings and Salutations' that are used by and for "The Saints".

To Salute "The Saints" means to: (greet, welcome, embrace, and to enfold them in the arms). Thus it is proper for "Saints" to greet one another with an embrace.

To Salute also means to greet with a Holy kiss. Holy is the same word in the Greek as “Saint”, so this means it is also proper to greet each other with a “Saintly” kiss.

Rom 16:15-16

15 **Salute Philologus, and Julia, Nereus, and his sister, and Olympas, and all the Saints which are with them.**

16 **Salute one another with an holy (Saintly) kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.**

Here Paul introduces Phebe, a sister in the Lord and Servant of the Lord in the Church in Cenchrea, to the Christians in Rome. Paul recommends that they receive her ‘in the Lord’ in a manner worthy of “The Saints”, and to assist her in whatever business she has need of them.

Rom 16:1-2

1 **I commend (introduce) unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant (deaconess or minister) of the church which is at Cenchrea:**

2 **That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh Saints, and that ye assist (aid, present, provide) her in whatsoever business (matter, thing, or work) she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer (helper or assistant) of many, and of myself also.**

Here Paul and Timothy write to the Church of God which is at Corinth and includes all “The Saints” which are in Achaia or in the surrounding area. They greet them with the blessings of ‘Grace and Peace’ which come from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Cor 1:1-2

1 **Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the Saints which are in all Achaia:**

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

In saying goodbye in his second letter to the Corinthians, Paul concludes by encouraging them to be perfect (or thoroughly complete, or perfectly joined together), and beseeching them to be ‘of one mind’. (Philippians 1:27 2:2 2:5 1 Peter 3:8) Also to live in peace (or be in peace) and to embrace each other with a “Saintly” kiss.

2 Cor 13:11-13

11 **Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect (thoroughly complete, or perfectly joined together), be of good comfort (or I beseech you to), be of one mind, live in peace (or be in peace); and the God of love and peace shall be with you.**

12 **Greet (embrace) one another with an holy (Saintly) kiss.**

13 **All the Saints salute (greet or embrace) you.**

Paul greets “The Saints” at Ephesus who are Faithful in Christ Jesus. He greets them with the blessings of ‘Grace and Peace’ which come from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph 1:1-2

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:**

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

Here Paul and Timothy greet all “The Saints” with the Bishops and Deacons which are at Philippi with the blessings of ‘Grace and Peace’ which come from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Phil 1:1-2

1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the Saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops (episkopos - overseers or superintendents) **and deacons** (diakonos - deaconesses, attendants, ministers or servants):

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

Paul and Timothy finish their Salutations and Greetings to all “The Saints” in Christ Jesus that are in Philippi. Paul also states that all the Brethren that are with him salute them.

Phil 4:21-22

21 **Salute** (greet or embrace) **every** (all the) **Saint** in Christ Jesus. **The brethren which are with me greet** (salute or embrace) **you.**

Paul then states that all “The Saints” salute you, especially they that are from the household of the Roman Emperor Caesar.

22 All the Saints salute (greet or embrace) **you, chiefly** (especially or particularly) **they that are of Caesar's** (the Roman Emperor's) **household.**

Here Paul and Timothy Greet “The Saints” of God and Faithful Brethren which are at Colosse with the blessings of ‘Grace and Peace’ which come from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Col 1:1-2

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother,

2 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.

In the Book of Hebrews, the letter to the Jewish Christians finishes with a Salutation to Salute all the Leaders who have rule over them along with all “The Saints”.

Heb 13:24

24 **Salute** (greet or embrace) **all them that have the rule** (that lead or have authority) **over you, and all the Saints.** **They of Italy salute** you.

X. THE MINISTRY TO THE SAINTS:

As God's “Saints” we know that we are commanded to Love one another. (John 13:34-35

1 Thessalonians 4:9 1 Peter 1:22 1 John 3:11 3:23 4:7-8 4:11-12)

If we truly Love one another, then we know that we need to help one another, not just in our Church, but in **all** of the ‘Body of Christ’. In the New Testament, this is called “The Ministry to the Saints”.

A long time ago, the Lord told Timothy II that a part of this Ministry was to “Minister to the Saints”.

While working with Christian Leaders in the Third World Countries, the Lord revealed to Timothy II that these poorer Pastors and Leaders needed to help meet the needs of their flocks just like Pastors and Leaders do in America. The problem was that they did not have the resources to do so. Thus we started “The Ministry to the Saints” by shipping much needed supplies to these poor and needy Pastors and Leaders so that they in turn could disperse it among their flocks and the people in their villages. This type of “Ministry” gives ‘hope’ to the people in these Third World Countries and has become living proof that God **does** supply us with all of our needs! (Philippians 4:19)

The beautiful results of this “Ministry to the Saints” is that the people have **not** praised us, but have always given God all the credit all the praise and all the Glory! Because of this, God has continually Blessed this work and it has been a great example of “The Ministry to the “Saints”” to all those involved in this work.

Although **all** of us are responsible to help one another, some “Saints” have received special ‘Charisma Gifts’ from the Holy Spirit that help them to Serve in a greater capacity in “The Ministry to The Saints”.

Rom 12:5-13

- 5 **So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.**
 6 **Having then (charisma) gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;**
 7 **Or ministry (servant, service or aid), let us wait on our ministering (administering, servicing or relief): or he that teacheth, on teaching;**
 8 **Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth (shares or imparts), let him do it with simplicity (liberality, sincerity); he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy (compassion or pity), with cheerfulness (or willingly).**
 9 **Let love be without dissimulation (hypocrisy or insincerity). Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good (beneficial).**
 10 **Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;**
 11 **Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit (the Holy Spirit); serving the Lord;**
 12 **Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant (constantly diligent) in prayer;**
 13 **Distributing (sharing with others) to the necessity (needs) of Saints; given to hospitality (entertaining strangers).**

An example of ‘financially’ “Ministering to the Saints” is when Paul took some funds from Macedonia and Achaia to distribute to the poor “Saints” in Jerusalem. From experience however, we would caution everyone that unless you can do as Paul did and personally Go and distribute the funds, be careful about sending money to other countries. Many times the funds will not get there, not go to the right people, get stolen, or be misused by those receiving it. We have experienced all these things and God has revealed to us that we are basically responsible for these problems because we should know that many of those in Third World Countries have little experience in dealing with finances or how to properly handle them.

The best answers to these problems are:

Deliver the funds personally to those in need - Send needed material goods rather than funds - Send the funds to a National Director in each Country that you know and can trust - Wire all funds through your Bank to their Bank.

Rom 15:25-27

25 **But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister (administer to, serve, attend to, or wait upon) unto the Saints.**

26 **For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor Saints which are at Jerusalem.**

27 **It hath pleased them verily (indeed); and their debtors they are (they owe it to them). For if the Gentiles (non-Jews) have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty (obligation or they owe it to them) is also to minister (serve) unto them in carnal (fleshly, temporal or material) things.**

Rom 15:30-31

30 **Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive (partner) together with me in your prayers to God for me;**

31 **That I may be delivered from them in Judaea that do not believe; and that my service (aid) which I have for Jerusalem may be accepted (well-received) of the Saints;**

Here Paul suggests that contributions for “The Ministry to the Saints” should be collected in advance as Offerings once a week within the Churches rather than doing it when he comes.

1 Cor 16:1-2

1 **Now concerning the collection (contribution) for the Saints, as I have given order (set in order) to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye (yourselves).**

2 **Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store (lay-up treasure or keep in store or give), as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings (no collections have to be made) when I come.**

All of us in the ‘Body of Christ’ need to submit and to help support those who have committed themselves to “The Ministry to the Saints”.

1 Cor 16:15-18

15 **I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted (assigned, appointed, ordained or set) themselves to the ministry of the Saints),**

16 **That ye submit yourselves unto (be subordinate or obedient to) such, and to everyone that helpeth with (works together with) us, and laboureth (labors).**

17 **I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied.**

18 **For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye (take knowledge of) them that are such.**

Here Paul uses the Churches of Macedonia as an example of how the Grace of God was bestowed upon them because even though they were going through a great trial of afflictions and deep poverty, they **still gave** to “The Ministry of the Saints”. In fact, they gave even **beyond** their power or ability to give because they knew that God would Bless them in return!

2 Cor 8:1-7

1 **Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit (we certify or declare or make known) of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia;**

2 **How that in a great trial of affliction (burdens, troubles) the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded (enough and to spare) unto the riches of their liberality (generosity).**

3 For to their power (ability), I bear record, yea, and beyond their power (ability) they were willing of themselves (or of their own accord);

Then the Churches of Macedonia prayed that their Gift and Fellowship of “The Ministering to the Saints” would be accepted. And this they did and gave their contributions by the Will of God!

4 Praying (beseeching, begging) us with much intreaty (exhortation) that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the Saints.

5 And this they did, not (only) as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

Then Paul exhorted the Corinthians and the Christians in Achaia that since they abound in everything, they should at least do the same. Titus was the most desired person to go do this collection as he had already begun a work with them.

6 Insomuch that we desired Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also finish in you the same grace also.

7 Therefore, as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all diligence, and in your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace also.

Here Paul speaks in his second letter to the Corinthian Church concerning “The Ministering to the Saints”. He states that he knew they were willing a year ago to help the poor “Saints” and he boasted of this to the Churches in Macedonia. This zeal and their enthusiasm to give, stimulated and stirred up the majority.

2 Cor 9:1-5

1 For as touching (concerning) the ministering to the Saints, it is superfluous (beyond measure) for me to write to you:

2 For I know the forwardness (willingness, readiness) of your mind, for which I boast of you to them of Macedonia, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal (ardor) hath provoked (stimulated or stirred up) very many (the majority).

Paul then states to the Corinthian Church that he sent the brethren ahead to prove that they are ready for “The Ministering to the Saints”, in case some from Macedonia come with them and they find them unprepared and that his boasting should be in vain.

3 Yet have I sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this behalf; that, as I said, ye may be ready:

4 Lest haply (somehow) if they of Macedonia come with me, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be ashamed in this same confident boasting.

5 Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort (call for) the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty (blessing), whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty (blessing), and not as of covetousness (greediness).

How we “Minister to the Saints” determines how and what we will receive from the Lord.

2 Cor 9:6-13

6 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly (stingily) shall reap also sparingly (stingily); and he which soweth bountifully (above a blessing) shall reap also bountifully (above a blessing).

We must choose in our hearts what we give in order to “Minister to the Saints” and we should do so willingly and cheerfully.

7 Every man according as he purposeth (chooses) in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly (with sadness or sorrow), or of necessity (you need to): for God loveth a cheerful (merry, prompt or willing) giver.

If we do so, God will make all grace abound to us so that we will be content in **all** things and **excel** in every good work.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency (contentment or self-satisfaction) in all things, may abound (exceed or excel over and above) to every good work:

If we disperse our Offerings abroad (overseas), and give to the poor, our ‘righteousness’ **will** remain forever!

9 (As it is written, He hath dispersed abroad (or scattered abroad); he hath given to the poor: his righteousness remaineth for ever.

Those that supply seed to the sower and bread for food (which means to supply the means and/or funds for those that sow - such as the Evangelist), **will increase** their seed that is sown and will **increase** the fruits of their ‘righteousness’.

10 Now he that ministereth (aids, contributes, or fully supplies) seed to the sower both minister bread for your food, and multiply (increase or enlarge) your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;

The great part about “The Ministry to the Saints” is that every time the poor and needy “Saints” receive God’s Gifts, they always thank God for the Blessings and not us!

11 Being enriched in everything to all bountifulness (generosity), which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.

12 For the administration (ministering) of this service (charitable function) not only supplieth the want (needs) of the Saints, but is abundant (exceeded or excelled over and above) also by many thanksgivings unto God;

13 Whiles by the experiment (experience) of this ministration (service) they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal (generous) distribution unto them, and unto all men;

God is also Faithful in that He too will not forget your work and ‘labor of Love’ in that you have and continue to “Minister to the Saints”. Amen!

Heb 6:10

10 For God is not unrighteous (unjust) to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed (showed forth) toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the Saints, and do (continue to) minister (administer and serve).

XI. PRAYERS FOR THE SAINTS:

Another proof of our Love for one another is when we ‘continually’ intercede with Prayer for all of the “Saints”.

Here Paul states that after he heard of the Faith of those of the Church at Ephesus and their Love to all “The Saints” he never ceased from Praying for them.

Eph 1:15-16

15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the Saints,
16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

One of his Prayers was that they may see and know what is the Hope of God’s Calling and the Glory of His inheritance (heir-ship) in “The Saints”. (Ephesians 4:4 Philippians 3:14)

Eph 1:18

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened (made to see); that ye may know what is the hope of his calling (invitation), and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance (heirship) in the Saints.

All of us should always Pray for each other that God would count us worthy of His Calling.
(2 Timothy 1:9 2 Peter 1:10)

2 Thess 1:11-12

11 Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with (dunamis) power:
12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Here Paul states that when he heard of the Faith of those of the Church at Colosse and their Love to all “The Saints” he never ceased from Praying for them.

Col 1:3-4

3 We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,
4 Since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have to all the Saints,

Here Paul speaks of Philemon and some of the other Brethren. He states that because of their Love to all “The Saints”, he always makes mention of them in his Prayers.

Philem 1-2

1 Paul, a prisoner of Jesus Christ, and Timothy our brother, unto Philemon our dearly beloved, and fellowlabourer,

2 And to our beloved Apphia, and Archippus our fellowsoldier, and to the church in thy house:

Philem 4-5

4 I thank my God, making mention of thee always in my prayers,

5 Hearing of thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all Saints;
Philem 7

7 For we have great joy and consolation in thy love, because the bowels (inward affection, tender mercy) of the Saints are refreshed by thee, brother.

XII. PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT:

When we Pray for “The Saints” (the ‘Body of Christ’), we are encouraged to ‘Pray in the Spirit’.

‘Praying in the Spirit’ means to ‘Pray in Tongues’. The ‘Charisma Gift’ of Tongues is a Manifestation of the Holy Spirit which is available to all “The Saints”. (1 Corinthians 12:7-10) All you need to do is ask! (1 John 3:22) However, it is God the Holy Spirit that determines which ‘Charisma Gifts’ you receive and when you will receive them. (1 Corinthians 12:11)

When ‘Praying in the Spirit’, we are to Pray watching with all supplication (petitions) and perseverance (persistency) for **all** “The Saints”. (Romans 8:9 Jude 20)

Eph 6:18

18 Praying always (at the set or proper time) **with all prayer and supplication** (petitions and requests) **in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance** (persistency, diligence) **and supplication** (petitions and requests) **for all Saints**;

When we ‘Pray in the Spirit’ and speak in Tongues, we are speaking mysteries unto God.

1 Cor 14:2

2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue (one naturally unacquired) **speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries**.

Thus when we speak or Pray in an unknown Tongue, we are encouraged to Pray and ask the Holy Spirit for the “Charisma Gift” of the ‘Interpretation of Tongues’ so that we may interpret and understand what is being said. (1 Corinthians 12:10)

1 Cor 14:13-15

13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue **pray that he may interpret**.

14 For if **I pray** in an unknown tongue, **my spirit prayeth**, but my understanding is unfruitful (without fruit).

15 What is it then (therefore)? **I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also...**

When we ‘Pray in the Spirit’, the Holy Spirit helps or assists us by interceding for us in our infirmities or weaknesses in our Prayers. God the Holy Spirit intercedes for us because we know not what we should be Praying for. Therefore, the Holy Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings (inaudible prayer) which cannot be uttered (or is unspeakable).

Rom 8:26-27

26 Likewise (in the same way) **the (Holy) Spirit also helpeth** (helps, assists, or cooperates with us in) **our infirmities** (weaknesses): **for we know not what we should pray for as we ought** (should or need to): **but the (Holy) Spirit itself (Himself) maketh intercession** for us with groanings

(inaudible prayer) **which cannot be uttered** (or is unspeakable).

God who searches the hearts of man **knows** what the mind of the Holy Spirit is because when the Holy Spirit intercedes for “The Saints” it is **always** according to **His Will**.

27 **And he** (God) **that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the** (Holy) **Spirit, because he** (the Holy Spirit) **maketh intercession for the Saints** according to (or pertaining to or touching) **the will of God** (the Father).

The confidence that we have as “Saints”, is that since we know that when we ‘Pray in the Spirit’, it is **always in** the Will of God, whatsoever we ask we know that He hears us and that we **have** the petitions (requests) that we desire of Him. (Matthew 6:8)

1 John 5:14-15

14 **And this is the confidence** (assurance, boldness) **that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will** (purpose, desire or pleasure), **he heareth us:**

15 **And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions** (requests) **that we desired of him.**

XIII. WHAT HAPPENS TO THE PRAYERS OF THE SAINTS:

Have you ever wondered what happens to our ‘Prayers’ after they are received up to Heaven? Many “Saints” are not even aware that after our ‘Prayers’ are received by God in Heaven they are stored up in ‘Golden Vials’. These ‘Golden Vials’ are full of odors (incense or aromatic fumes) which **are** the ‘Prayers of The Saints’. (Psalms 141:2)

As “Saints”, we sometimes forget to ‘Pray’ or we may even get tired of ‘Praying’, however, if we realize that our ‘Prayers’ do not just disappear like a vapor after they are received in Heaven, but are actually stored up for future use, we might be more encouraged to keep on ‘Praying’, and to never let up! Therefore as “Saints”, let us ‘Pray’ as often as possible not just for the answers to our ‘Prayers’, but also to store up as many ‘Golden Vials’ as we are able to while we are here on earth.

Rev 5:6

6 **And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the “Seven Spirits of God” sent forth into all the earth.**

Rev 5:8

8 **And when he** (the Lamb) **had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours** (incense or aromatic fumes), **which are the prayers of Saints.**

These ‘Golden Vials’ that are full of odors (incense or aromatic fumes) which **are** the ‘Prayers of The Saints’, will be used in Heaven as a part of God’s plan sometime in the near future. God’s plan will include the use of these ‘Golden Vials’ that are full of the ‘Prayers of The Saints’ to begin the ‘WOES’ that will come unto the inhabitants of the earth.

God’s plan will begin after there is a half hour of silence in Heaven. At that time there will be Seven Angels that will be given Seven Trumpets.

Rev 8:1-6

1 **And when he (the Angel) had opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.**

2 **And I saw the seven angels which stood before God; and to them were given seven trumpets.**

Then an Angel of God which will stand at the altar with a 'Golden Censer' will be given much 'incense' (odors or aromatic fumes) so that it can be offered **with** the 'Prayers of all Saints' upon the Golden Alter which is before God's Throne.

3 **And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense (odors or aromatic fumes), that he should offer it with the prayers of all Saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne.**

Then the smoke from the 'incense' which came with the 'Prayers of The Saints' will ascend up to God out of the Angel's hand.

4 **And the smoke of the incense (odors or aromatic fumes), which came with the prayers of the Saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.**

Then the Angel of God will take the 'Golden Censer' and fill it with fire from the Alter and cast it into the earth which will cause voices (or sounds) and thundering (roaring) and lightning (bright shinings or flashings) and an earthquake.

5 **And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast it into the earth: and there were voices (or sounds), and thundering (roaring), and lightnings (bright shinings or flashings), and an earthquake.**

Then the Seven Angels which have the Seven Trumpets will begin to sound a blast on their Trumpets.

6 **And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound (a blast on the trumpets).**

This will lead to the 'WOES' (an exclamation of grief) that will come unto the inhabitants of the earth. (Revelation 8:7-12)

Rev 8:13

13 **And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, (grief, grief, grief) to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!**

XIV. THE FIVE FOLD MINISTRY FOR THE SAINTS:

"The Five Fold Ministry" for "The Saints" consists of the Five 'Doma' Gifts (or Offices). "The Five Fold Ministry" has been designed by God and was given to human beings by Jesus Christ when He ascended up from earth to Heaven. (Psalms 68:18)

Eph 4:8

8 Wherefore he saith, When he (Jesus) ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave (the Doma) **gifts unto men** (human beings).

These Five ‘Doma’ Gifts (or Offices) consist of the Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers. These ‘Doma’ Gifts (or Offices) are **not** given to all “The Saints” but are only given to **some** that are chosen by Jesus Christ Himself! (1 Corinthians 12:29 Romans 12:4)

Eph 4:11-15

11 And he (Jesus) gave **some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;**

“The Five Fold Ministry” has been designed by God for the ‘Perfecting of The Saints’. ‘To Perfect’ in the Greek means (to prepare, to completely furnish, to complete thoroughly, to perfectly join together, to repair, to adjust, to mend, to fit, and/or to restore)

12 **For the perfecting of** (to prepare, to completely furnish, to complete thoroughly, to perfectly join together, to repair, to adjust, to mend, to fit, and/or to restore,) **the Saints,**...

Thus, the ‘Perfecting of The Saints’ can **only** be accomplished **through the Complete** “Five Fold Ministry”, which includes **all** of the Five ‘Doma’ Gifts (or Offices).

The Complete “Five Fold Ministry” is also needed in order for “The Saints” to properly **do the ‘Work’** (deeds, labors, and doings) of the ‘Ministry’.

12...**for the work** (deeds, labors, and doings) **of the ministry,**...

The Complete “Five Fold Ministry” is also needed **to edify** (to build up, to structure and to confirm) the ‘Body of Christ’.

12...**for the edifying** (edification, building, structure, and confirmation) **of the body of Christ:**

“The Five Fold Ministry” will continue **until:**

- We ALL come into the ‘Unity of the Faith’ (which is reliance on Jesus Christ for Salvation and constancy in such profession).
- And of the Knowledge (recognition, full discernment and acknowledgement) of Jesus Christ.
- UNTIL we become perfected (complete or of full age).
- Unto the measure of the stature (maturity) of the fullness (or level, completeness, or perfection) of Jesus Christ Himself!

This means that **the Complete** “Five Fold Ministry” that is for “The Saints” **will continue** for us and in us until we die or until the “Translation of the Church” takes place.

13 **Till** (until) **we all come in the unity** (oneness) **of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect** (complete) **man, unto the measure** (degree) **of the stature** (maturity) **of the fulness of Christ:**

The Complete “Five Fold Ministry” has been designed by God to also help “The Saints” to **no more** be as children (babes or immature Christians) tossed about with all the ‘Winds of Doctrine’.

Much of these 'Winds of Doctrine' are being espoused by those who are supposedly part of the Church, but they are actually False Apostles, False Prophets, False Teachers and False Brethren. (2 Corinthians 11:13-15 11:26 Galatians 2:4-5 2 Peter 2:1-3 Revelation 2:2 2:20-23)

These 'Winds of Doctrine' are being carried out by the sleight (fraud) of men through their cunning craftiness (trickery) through which they lie in wait to deceive "The Saints".

14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight (fraud) of men, and cunning craftiness (trickery), whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Instead of falling for all these 'Winds of Doctrine', we as "Saints" need to **grow up in the Lord Jesus Christ in all things**, and as we learn to speak the Truth in (agape) Love, we will soon be able to discern those that are not a true part of the 'Body of Christ'.

15 But speaking (telling) the truth in love (agape), may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

Finally, the Complete "Five Fold Ministry" which includes the Five 'Doma' Gifts (or Offices), will cause the 'Body of Christ' to become fitly joined together (or closely framed or organized together) and compacted (united), which every joint (part) supplies. Then every part of the 'Body of Christ' will begin to work more efficiently, which in turn will cause the 'Body of Christ' to edify or build itself up in (agape) Love. Amen!

Eph 4:16

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together (or closely framed or organized together) and compacted (united or knit together in association and affection) by that which every joint (part or attachment) supplieth (supplies or contributes), according to the effectual working (or efficient operation) in the measure of every part, maketh increase (the growing up) of the body unto the edifying (edification, building, structure, and confirmation) of itself in (agape) love.

XV. THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD:

'The Second Coming' of the Lord Jesus Christ will actually take place in 'two parts':

1. THE SECOND COMING 'FOR' HIS SAINTS:

'Part one' of Jesus' 'Second Coming' is 'The Translation of the Church'. This is when Jesus will Come (or Appear) '**FOR**' His "Saints" and we, "The Body of Christ", will be caught up to meet Him in the air. (1 Peter 1:7 1 Corinthians 15:51-52 Colossians 1:12-13)
(Read the Study Guide "The Translation of the Church" by Timothy II)

First Jesus will descend (step down) from Heaven with a shout with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God. Then the bodies of those "Saints" that have already died in Christ will rise (or be resurrected).

1 Thess 4:16-18

16 For the Lord himself shall descend (step down) from heaven with a shout (bid or command), with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump (trumpet) of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

Then we which are alive and remain will be 'caught up' together with them in the clouds, and will meet the Lord in the air; then we will be with the Lord forever!

17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up (plucked up or taken up) together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever (always) be with the Lord.
18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

As "The Saints" of God, we **know** that we will be 'Translated' to Heaven **preceding** the 'Tribulation Period' because we have **NOT** been appointed to the Wrath of God. (John 3:36 Romans 1:18 Ephesians 5:6 Colossians 3:5-6 Revelation 14:9-10 14:19 15:1 15:7 16:1)

1 Thess 5:9

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath (justifiable abhorrence or punishment), but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

Once in Heaven, all "The Saints" will be given their rewards for what they have accomplished for Serving the Lord while here on Earth. (Matthew 25:21 25:23 2 Timothy 4:6-8)

Rev 11:18

18 And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants (doulos) the prophets, and to the Saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldst destroy them which destroy the earth.

2. THE SECOND COMING 'WITH' HIS SAINTS:

'Part two' of Jesus' Second Coming will be when Jesus returns to earth '**WITH**' all "His Saints", and all of the world will see Him together. (Matthew 24:30 26:64 Mark 13:26 14:62 Revelation 1:7 17:14)

He shall come in flaming fire (like flashing lightning) to take vengeance on all those that do not know God nor obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting (eternal) destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His Might.

2 Thess 1:7-10

7 And to you who are troubled rest (relax) with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed (manifested) from heaven with his mighty angels,

8 In flaming (flashing) fire (lightning) taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting (eternal) destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power (might);

At that time, Jesus will be glorified and admired by "His Saints" because they believe in the testimony which is given to them.

10 When he shall come to be glorified in (by) his Saints, and to be admired in (by) all them that believe (because our testimony among you was believed) in that day.

And part of this testimony that has been given to us is that we would increase and abound in our Love for one another and for all mankind, so that our hearts would be established unblamable (blameless) in Holiness before God our Father at the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with ALL “His Saints”!

1 Thess 3:12-13

12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:

13 To the end (so that) he may stablish your hearts unblameable (blameless) in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his Saints.

Now Enoch was the first person to be ‘Translated’ to Heaven without experiencing death. (Hebrews 11:5 Genesis 5:24) In Jude, it states that Enoch prophesied about Jesus’ Second Coming with all of “His Saints” by his statement that the Lord will come ‘WITH’ ten thousands of “His Saints”.

Although this statement by Enoch is not actually found in any of the Old Testament Scriptures, it is generally accepted as fact because **all** of the Scriptures in the Bible are inspired by God. (2 Timothy 3:16 2 Peter 1:20-21)

Jude 14-15

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these (certain men that crept in unawares), saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his Saints,

15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince (convict) all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

When Jesus returns at His Second Coming, all of the Old Testament and the New Testament “Saints”, including those that die during ‘The Tribulation Period’, will return with Him!

He will then overcome the Anti-Christ bringing a conclusion to ‘The Tribulation Period’. Amen! (Revelation 17:14) (Read the Study Guide “Called, Chosen and Faithful” by Timothy II)

Zech 14:5

5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the Saints (6918) with thee (Him).

XVI. THE TRIBULATION SAINTS:

Those individuals that have **not truly** accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior will **not** go to Heaven in ‘The Translation of the Church’. However, once ‘The Tribulation Period’ begins, if they realize what they have missed, and they Turn and Repent and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior they **will** become “The Tribulation Saints”!

Some of these individuals may now be attending Church and/or call themselves Christians, but because they are **not** Saved and are **not** ‘Watching’ for Jesus soon Return, they will miss ‘The Translation of the Church’. (1 Colossians 10:5 Hebrews 11:5 Matthew 24:42 25:13 Mark 13:33 13:35 13:37 Luke 12:36-40 21:36 1 Thessalonians 5:6-9 Revelation 3:3)

(Read the Study Guide “Watch” by Timothy II)

During ‘The Tribulation Period’, these individuals will pay a great price to become and remain “Tribulation Saints”. They will have to go through such trials as hunger, thirst, and heat (Revelation 7:9 7:13-17), and many will be martyred through various means such as beheading. (Revelation 20:4) This is the price they will have to pay not only for **not** accepting Jesus **before** ‘The Translation of the Church’ but during ‘The Tribulation Period’ it will be for **not** worshipping the beast, the image of the Beast, or accepting the Mark of the Beast, the Name of the Beast or the Number of his Name. (Revelation 13:15-18 15:2)

The following Scriptures in the Old Testament are of Daniel’s Visions (Daniel 1:17 7:1), and those in the New Testament are the Visions of John (Revelation 1:1-3).

Here Daniel and John speak about the ‘Anti-Christ’ who will battle “The Tribulation Saints” and will temporarily overcome (or prevail against) them. (Daniel 8:24)

Dan 7:20-21

20 **And of the ten horns (kings) that were in his head, and of the other which came up, and before whom three fell; even of that horn (king) that had eyes, and a mouth that spake very great things, whose look was more stout (greater) than his fellows.**

21 **I beheld, and the same horn (king) made war (battled) with the Saints (6922), and prevailed against them (overcame them);**

Dan 7:23-25

23 **Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces.**

24 **And the ten horns (kings) out of this kingdom are ten kings that shall arise: and another shall rise after them; and he shall be diverse from the first, and he shall subdue three kings.**

25 **And he shall speak great (pompous) words against the most High, and shall wear out (to afflict or wear out mentally) the Saints (6922) of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they (The Tribulation Saints) shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time (for 3 ½ years).**

Rev 13:1

1 **And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea (the Anti-Christ), having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.**

Rev 13:7-10

7 **And it was given unto him to make war (or battle) with the Saints, and to overcome (prevail against) them: and power (authority) was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.**

8 **And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.**

9 **If any man have an ear, let him hear.**

It will take great ‘Patience’ and ‘Faith’ (hopeful endurance, constancy, and waiting) for “The Tribulation Saints” to make it through ‘The Tribulation Period’. That great ‘Patience’ and ‘Faith’ will come from the knowledge that God will soon turn against the enemies of his people, and that those that lead into captivity shall go into captivity and those that kill with the sword must be killed with the sword and those that worship the Beast will not be written in the Lamb’s Book of life and will spend eternity in Hell (Gehenna).

10 **He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here (This) is the patience (hopeful endurance, constancy, and waiting) and the faith of the Saints.**

Rev 14:11-13

11 **And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name.**

12 **Here (This) is the patience (hopeful endurance, constancy, and waiting) of the Saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.**

Therefore, Blessed are those "Tribulation Saints" that die **in the Lord!** (Psalms 116:15)

13 **And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth (this day and hereafter): Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.**

Once all "The Saints" are in Heaven, Jesus will come with the clouds of Heaven to God the Father (the Ancient of Days) ready to descend to earth with all "His Saints". Then God the Father will give His Son Jesus dominion, glory and the Kingdom. Then God the Father (the Ancient of Days) will give His Judgment (or justice) to the "Saints" and they will possess the Kingdom!

Dan 7:13-14

13 **I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.**

14 **And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.**

Dan 7:22

22 **Until (When) the Ancient of days (God the Father) came, and judgment (or justice) was given to the Saints (6922) of the most High; and the time came that the Saints (6922) possessed the kingdom.**

When Jesus returns, God's judgment (or court) will be set up and the dominion (ruling powers) of the Anti-Christ will be destroyed. Then the Kingdom and dominions (ruling powers) and greatness of the Kingdom under Heaven will be given to "The Saints" of the Most High!

Dan 7:26-27

26 **But the judgment (court) shall sit (be set up), and they shall take away his (the Anti-Christ's) dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end.**

27 **And the kingdom and dominion (ruling powers), and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the Saints (6922) of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions (ruling powers) shall serve and obey him.**

Here Daniel states that in his Vision he heard "The Saints" talking one to another about how long it would be between the 'daily sacrifice' (Temple sacrifice) and the 'transgression of desolation' (abomination of desolation) for both the Sanctuary and host to be trampled under foot. Then the one "Saint" stated it would be two thousand and three hundred days (approximately 6.3 years), then the Sanctuary will be restored. (Daniel 9:27 11:31 12:11 Matthew 24:15-22 Mark 13:14-20)

Dan 8:13-14

13 **Then I heard one Saint (6918) speaking, and another Saint (6918) said unto that certain Saint (one) which spake, **How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice (temple sacrifice), and the transgression of desolation (abomination of desolation), to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden (trampled or tread down) under foot?****

14 **And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days (approximately 6.3 years); then shall the sanctuary be cleansed (restored).**

XVII. GOD'S JUDGMENTS AND THE BLOOD OF THE SAINTS:

God's Judgments are 'True' and 'Righteous' because when evil people and/or Nations shed the Blood of "The Saints", Prophets and the Martyrs of Jesus, they will be avenged!

Here in the Book of Revelation, those "Saints" that are in Heaven that have been slain for the Word of God and their Testimony (witness), ask God how long before they will be avenged on those that dwell on Earth?

Rev 6:9-11

9 **And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony (witness) which they held:**

10 **And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?**

God responds that the "Saints" will not be avenged until all those that **will** be killed or martyred have been accomplished.

11 **And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest (take rest or to refresh) yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.**

When the Vials of the Wrath of God are poured out upon the Earth, one of the Vials will cause the rivers and fountains (wells or sources) of water to become blood. Thus God will give those that have shed the Blood of "The Saints" blood to drink.

Rev 16:1

1 **And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.**

Rev 16:4-7

4 **And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains (wells or sources) of waters; and they became blood.**

5 **And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast (was), and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.**

6 **For they have shed the blood of Saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.**

7 **And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.**

Here John describes how God will avenge “The Saints” by throwing down a great City called ‘Babylon’ (which could represent a great City or Nation of today) because in her is found the Blood of “The Saints” and Prophets and the Martyrs of Jesus.

Rev 17:1-6

1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither (here); I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore (harlot and/or idolater) that sitteth (resides or dwells) upon many waters:

2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication (porneuo – indulged in unlawful lust of either sex, practiced idolatry, and/or porn) and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication (porneia – harlotry including adultery and incest, and/or idolatry).

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy (vilification - especially against God, evil speaking and/or railing), having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations (detestable, disgusting and stinking, especially idolatry) and filthiness (impure, lewd, foul, unclean or especially demonic) of her fornication (porneia – harlotry including adultery and incest, and/or idolatry):

5 And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS (porne - whores and idolaters) AND ABOMINATIONS (detestable, disgusting and stinking, especially idolatry) OF THE EARTH.

6 And I saw the woman drunken (intoxicated) with the blood of the Saints, and with the blood of the martyrs (witnesses) of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered (marveled) with great admiration (wonder).

Finally the “Saints” in Heaven and the Holy Apostles and Prophets are told to rejoice because God will avenge them by throwing down with violence that great City ‘Babylon’.

Rev 18:20-21

20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.

21 And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

Rev 18:23-24

23 And the light of a candle (a portable lamp or other illuminator) shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants (wholesale tradesmen) were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries (pharmakeia – pharmacy, medication, drugs, spell-giving potions, magic and witchcraft) were all nations deceived (caused to roam from safety, truth or virtue: to go astray, to seduce, to wander).

24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of Saints, and of all (all manner or whosoever) that were slain upon the earth.

* Note – Matthew Henry’s Commentary on Rev 18:9-24 states:

There was both in heaven and earth an account of the joy and triumph at the irrecoverable fall of Babylon: while her own people were bewailing her, the servants of God were called to rejoice over her. Here observe how universal this joy would be: heaven and earth, angels and “Saints”, would join

in it; that which is a matter of rejoicing to the servants of God in this world is a matter of rejoicing to the angels in heaven.

Rev 19:1-2

1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

2 For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore (porne - whore and idolater), which did corrupt the earth with her fornication (porneia – harlotry including adultery and incest, and/or idolatry), and hath avenged the blood of his servants (doulos) at her hand.

XVIII. THE MARRIAGE AND THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB:

“The Marriage of the Lamb” will take place in Heaven when Jesus (who is the Lamb) ceremonially comes together in ‘Marriage’ with His ‘Wife’ (the ‘Bride of Christ’). “The Marriage Supper of the Lamb” will then take place after the ‘Marriage’ (or the Wedding) Ceremony.

The following Scripture states that “The Marriage of the Lamb” is come, and His ‘Wife’ (the ‘Bride of Christ’) has made herself ready (or prepared herself).

Rev 19:7-9

7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready (prepared herself).

In America today, a bride usually dresses in a white Wedding gown which is supposed to represent the ‘righteousness’ of the Bride through her virginity. Of course this often is not the case, but in Heaven we will **have** to be dressed in fine clean and white linen which is the ‘Righteousness’ of “The Saints”. This means that as “Saints”, we **all** need to prepare ourselves and to live in ‘Righteousness’ if we expect to be ready for “The Marriage Supper of the Lamb”. (1 John 2:29 3:7 Ephesians 6:13-14) The most important part of getting ready means that we need to be sure that we are Saved so that we are able to put on the ‘Robes of Righteousness’. (Revelation 3:5 3:18 19:14)

Here the Scripture states that it was granted to the ‘Bride of Christ’ to be dressed in fine clean and white linen, which is the ‘Righteousness’ of “The Saints”.

8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed (clothed) in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of Saints.

Blessed (or supremely blest and Happy) are they that **are** called and **will** attend “The Marriage Supper of the Lamb”.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed (supremely blest and happy) are they which are called (bid) unto the marriage supper (dinner or feast, usually in the evening,) of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

In the Book of Matthew, Jesus teaches a parable about “The Marriage and Supper of the Lamb”. In this parable, Jesus states that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a King that made a ‘Marriage’ for his Son. However, those that were invited to the Wedding would not come!

This parable represents the Jews who were the first to receive the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to whom it was revealed how to be Saved. However, most of them refused!

Matt 22:1-14

1 And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,

2 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,

3 And sent forth his servants (doulos) to call them that were bidden (called) to the wedding: and they would not come.

Then the King tells them about the Dinner (or best meal) that he has prepared, and again invites them to the Marriage, but they made light of it (or neglected or paid no regard to it) and went their ways.

4 Again, he sent forth other servants (doulos), saying, Tell them which are bidden (called), Behold, I have prepared my dinner (the best meal): my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.

5 But they made light of it (neglected or paid no regard to it), and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise (trade):

Finally the remnant (which is representative of the Jews) took the King's servants and exercised violence, abused and treated them shamefully.

6 And the remnant took his servants (doulos), and entreated them spitefully (exercised violence, abused and treated them shamefully), and slew them.

7 But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth (angry): and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city (Jerusalem).

Although many (which is representative of the Jews) were called to "The Marriage and Supper of the Lamb", God found many were not worthy because they would not respond to the Gospel. Thus the Gentiles were invited! (Romans 1:16 3:22 John 10:16)

8 Then saith he to his servants (doulos), The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden (called) were not worthy.

9 Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid (call) to the marriage.

However, when the Gentiles were invited many accepted the Gospel but they were both good and bad, and the bad unfortunately did not **truly** receive the invitation! (Matthew 13:18-23)

10 So those servants (doulos) went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

Many Church people may look and act like they are "Saints", but actually they are NOT! There will be **many** that may think that they will receive their Wedding Garments which are the 'Robes of Righteousness', but instead they will find out from Jesus that they are not worthy! (Matthew 7:21-23)

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

The results will be that these imitators will be Cast into “Outer Darkness”. (Matthew 8:12 25:30)

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

This is why it is so important for those in the Churches to continue to **hold fast** and not defile your Wedding Garments! (Revelation 3:4)

Rev 16:15

15 Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth (holds fast, guards from loss, preserves, and maintains) his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

XIX. THE END OF THE MILLENNIUM – THE FINAL BATTLE:

After the end of the ‘Tribulation Period’, Satan will be bound in the Bottomless Pit for a thousand years (the Millennium).

Rev 20:1-2

20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit (depthless, infernal, abyss) and a great chain in his hand.

2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years.

Then when the thousand years (the Millennium) is over, Satan will be loosed from his prison and will go out to deceive the Nations once again.

Rev 20:7-10

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8 And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

Then he will gather a huge Army from the North and will surround Jerusalem which is the encampment of “The Saints”. This will be the Devil’s last hurrah, because God will send fire down from Heaven and it will devour them.

9 And they went up on the breadth (width) of the earth, and compassed (surrounded) the camp of the Saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

After this the Devil will be cast into the Lake of Fire (Ge-henna) where the Beast and the False Prophet are, and he shall be tormented day and night forever and ever!

10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire (Ge-henna) and brimstone (sulphur), where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.

XX. THE KING OF SAINTS:

In Heaven, Jesus is proclaimed “The King of Saints”, and since we in the ‘Body of Christ’ are “The Saints”, we will become a part of ‘His Kingdom’. (1 Timothy 6:15 Revelation 19:16)

Rev 15:2-3

2 And I saw as it were a sea of (transparent) glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory (conquered, prevailed), over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of (transparent) glass, having the harps of God.

These are “The Tribulation Saints” who have the Harps of God and will sing ‘The Song of Moses’ and ‘The Song of the Lamb’. These Songs declare that the works of Jesus are ‘Great’ and ‘Marvelous’ and that **He is** the Lord God Almighty. These Songs also declare that the ways of Jesus are ‘Just’ and ‘True’ and that **He is** “The King of Saints”!

3 And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of Saints.

When “The Saints” of God **receive** the ‘Kingdom’, they shall possess it forever and ever!

Dan 7:18

18 But **the Saints** (6922) **of the most High shall take** (acquire or receive) **the kingdom, and possess** (hold in occupancy) **the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.**

CONCLUSION:

In Conclusion, I would like to remind you that although all of the “Body of Christ” **is** the Church, **not all** of the Church **is** the “Body of Christ”! Therefore, not everyone in the Church is a “Saint”! Just attending Church doesn’t make anyone a “Saint”. We must all enter into Eternal Life through the strait gate; therefore, do not follow those ‘False Prophets’ and ‘False Teachers’ that try to lead you astray. (1 John 4:1 2 Peter 2:1) You shall know them by their fruits! (Jude 4, 8, 10-13)

Matt 7:13-20

13 **Enter ye in at the strait (narrow) gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction** (damnation, Physical - Spiritual - Eternal ruin or loss), **and many there be which go in thereat** (through):

14 **Because strait** (narrow ‘from obstacles standing close about’) **is the gate, and narrow** (with affliction, tribulation, and trouble) **is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few** (puny in extent, degree, number and duration) **there be that find** (get, obtain, perceive, see) **it.**

15 **Beware of false prophets** (pretended foretellers, or religious impostors), **which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.**

16 **Ye shall know them by their fruits.** **Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles** (briers)?

17 **Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt** (rotten, worthless, bad) **tree bringeth forth evil fruit.**

18 **A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt** (rotten, worthless, bad) **tree bring forth good fruit.**

19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down (cut down), and cast into the fire.
 20 **Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.**

Luke 3:8-9

8 **Bring forth therefore fruits worthy** (deserving or suitable) **of** (our) **repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham.**

9 **And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn (cut down) down, and cast into the fire.**

THE ANSWER:

The Answer to whether you are ‘Truly’ ‘Saved’ and whether your life is truly representative of a “Saint”, is answered in the following Scriptures. (Philippians 2:12-13)

Here in the Old Testament David talks to God with the answers he has learned concerning his own Salvation:

Ps 26:1-12

1 **A Psalm of David. Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity** (full integrity, moral innocence, completeness, perfection, uprightness): **I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide** (waver or slip).

2 **Examine me, O LORD, and prove (test) me; try (refine, purge) my reins (mind, interior-self) and my heart (will, intellect).**

3 **For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.**

4 **I have not sat** (dwelt, abided, remained, tarried, or returned) **with vain** (evil, deceptive, lying) **persons** (adults, friends), **neither will I go in with dissemblers** (those that conceal, hide or do secret things).

5 **I have hated the congregation** (assembly, or company) **of evil doers** (good for nothing, bad physically, socially, or morally); **and will not sit with the wicked** (morally wrong, ungodly, bad person).

6 **I will wash mine hands in innocency** (cleanness): **so will I compass** (around, about) **thine altar, O LORD:**

7 **That I may publish** (tell, proclaim, report) **with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works** (miracles).

8 **LORD, I have loved the habitation** (abode, dwelling place) **of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.**

9 **Gather** (remove, take away, destroy, leave behind) **not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody** (guilty) **men:**

10 **In whose hands is mischief** (lewdness, wickedness), **and their right hand is full of bribes** (bribery).

11 **But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity** (full integrity, moral innocence, completeness, perfection, uprightness): **redeem me, and be merciful unto me.**

12 **My foot** (steps) **standeth in an even** (righteous, straight, upright) **place:** **in the congregations will I bless** (kneel down, praise, and thank) **the LORD.**

Here in the New Testament Paul states the answers he has learned from God concerning Salvation:

2 Cor 6:14-18

14 **Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers** (disbelievers, those without Christian Faith, that believeth not, the faithless): **for what fellowship** (participant, partaker, partner, or association) **hath righteousness** (specially Christian justification) **with unrighteousness? and what communion** (partnership, participation, communication, fellowship) **hath light with darkness?**

15 **And what concord** (harmony, or accord) **hath Christ** (the Messiah) **with Belial** (as an epithet of Satan, or ungodly)? **or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel** (unbeliever, those without Christian Faith)?

16 **And what agreement** (accord) **hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

17 **Wherefore come out** (depart, escape, get out) **from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not** (attach not yourself to) **the unclean** (impure, morally lewd, foul, specially demonic) **thing; and I will receive you,**

18 **And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.**

THE BIG QUESTION! (ARE YOU A SAINT?)

Today, many religious people of various Faiths and even some Cults call themselves ‘Christians’.

There are some in ‘Christian’ Churches that believe that as long as you repeat the ‘Sinner’s Prayer’ one time you are Saved, and no matter how you live or what you do, you will go to Heaven. Thus the term ‘Christian’ has been misused and diluted and its meaning can become confusing to those who do not truly have a ‘personal relationship’ with Jesus Christ!

(Read the Study Guide “Building a Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ” by Timothy II)

‘True Christians’ who are definitely going to go to Heaven are those that qualify as “Saints”. This is because the meaning for the word “Saint” in Hebrew and Greek actually means (Sacred, Sacred Physically, Sacred Morally, Holy, Holy One, Holy Thing, Most Holy, Godly, Godly Man, Pure, Morally Blameless, and Consecrated). The only way we can qualify as a representative for any of these terms, is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ who **is** our Lord and Savior. (1 John 1:7-10)

I personally like what ‘Matthew Henry’ states in his Commentary about the significance between the terms ‘Christians’ and “Saints”. He states that: **“All Christians must be Saints; and, if they come not under that character on earth, they will never be Saints in glory.”**

If you feel that you may **not** qualify as a representative or that your own life style doesn’t meet the standards of the meaning for the word “Saint”, then perhaps you better examine yourself and make sure that you **are Saved**.

It is best for you not to listen to others about the question of your Salvation!

It is **too** important to leave this question up to others to decide your own fate. You may spend Eternity in Hell asking yourself why you allowed someone else to determine your Eternal Destination! (Matthew 23:13 Revelation 3:11)

I speak with genuine authority because I have experienced the horrible result of believing that I too was Eternally Saved by listening to others, but found myself in 'Hell' (Outer Darkness) after having a Heart attack and dying in the hospital.

I remember very vividly what it was like being in total 'Blackness', all alone, with nothing but my thoughts, and totally separated from God, for Eternity! That is why I feel so strongly about 'True Salvation'! (Read the Tract on the "Timothy II Testimony" and the tract and/or Study Guide on "Outer Darkness" by Timothy II)

The Bible states:

2 Cor 13:5

5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove (test, try) your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates (castaways, rejected)?

Some so called 'Christians' living the type of lifestyle that they are living may even be Damning themselves when they take 'Communion' in Church!

1 Cor 11:27-30

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation (condemnation, judgment) to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this cause many are weak (feeble, diseased, impotent) and sickly among you, and many sleep (die).

If after examining yourself you are still not sure that you are 'Saved', nor feel that you qualify as being a "Saint"; then please invite (or re-invite) Jesus Christ into your heart and confess with your mouth that Jesus is your Lord and Savior, and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the Dead and you will be 'Saved'!

Rom 10:9-10

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Do not hesitate to do this:

Rom 10:8

8 But what saith it (the righteousness which is of Faith)? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

Rom 10:11-13

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Because **Today is the Day of your Salvation!**

2 Cor 6:2

2 For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of Salvation have I succoured (helped) thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of Salvation.

Finally, ask God to **Turn you** from **all** your sins, iniquities, bad habits, addictions, etc., and **He Will Turn you** because He is the Lord your God! **To Turn** means (to deliver you, to bring you back, to pull you in, to bring you home again, and to restore you).

Jer 31:18-19

18 ...turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God.

After you are **Turned**, then **Repent** (which means to tell God you feel remorse, you regret, and you are sorry for what you have been doing, and that you will now think differently because **He has Turned you!**). After you **Repent**, you can be **Instructed** because you will understand what the Holy Ghost is teaching you because **HE Has come into you!** (John 14:26 1 John 2:27 John 14:16-17)

19 Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote (slapped) upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded (confused), because I did bear (suffer or carry) the reproach (disgrace) of my youth.

FINAL CONCLUSION:

In the Final Conclusion of this Study Guide on “The Saints”, let us continually give Thanks to God our Father, who has made us partakers of His inheritance as **“The Saints” that are in His light.** (Psalm 27:1 James 1:17 Revelation 21:1-3 21:22-23 22:5)

Col 1:12-14

12 Giving thanks (to express gratitude) unto the Father, which hath made us meet (able or qualified) to be partakers (or to share in) of the inheritance (heritage) of the Saints in (the) light:

Who has already delivered us from the power of darkness and has **Translated** us into the Kingdom of His Dear Son Jesus Christ.

13 Who hath delivered us from the power (exousia - authority) of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

In and by whom we have been redeemed and forgiven of our Sins through His Blood! (Ephesians 2:13)

14 In (By) whom we have redemption (deliverance, a ransom paid in full, especially Christian Salvation) through his blood, even the forgiveness (pardon and remission) of sins:

AMEN!

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