

“The Called Ones”

Text: Romans 1:6-7

Scripture reading: Ephesians 2

I. An introduction: From persecutor, to preacher, to pastor – vs. 1

II. A gospel introduction – vv. 1-4

III. A saint’s introduction – vv. 4-7

A) The call of obedience – vv. 4b-5 (last week)

B) The call of heaven – vv. 6-7a

(Matt. 11:28; Is. 45:22; Jn. 6:44; I Cor. 2:1-5)

1. Called to belong to God’s Son - vs. 6

(I Cor. 12:27; John 10:1-30; Col. 1:13; Eph. 2:20-21; Eph. 2:5-6)

2. Called as the beloved of God - vs. 7a

(I Jn. 4:16; I Jn. 17:22-23)

3. Called to be saints of God – vs. 7b
(I Pet. 2:5, 9; II Cor. 5:21)

C) The call into blessing – vs. 7c

Conclusion:

1) Called to belong to Christ, we _____ to Christ
(Heb. 12:1-2)

2) Called as God's beloved, we _____ beloved
(I Jn. 4:7, 8)

3) Called as saints, we _____ to Him
(I Pet. 1:15)

“If God has set His choice upon us, let us aim to be choice men.”

-Charles H. Spurgeon

Sermon quotes:

3. Called to be the saints of God – vs. 7b

-Martyn Lloyd-Jones,
Saints are, “*separated to God and to His praise.*”

Of ‘saints’ he writes, “*...one of its primary meanings is that we are separated from everything that separates us from God.*”

“*It is not enough merely that you refrain from worldliness: that does not make you a saint; that does not make you holy. That may make you moral, but there is a difference between being moral and being holy.*”

-Robert Haldane,
Of saints,
“*They are equally separated or consecrated to God, and equally justified, but they are not all equally holy. The work of sanctification in them is progressive.*”