

Sermon Quotes
July 27th, 2008
Series on Philippians- Servants and Saints

Romans 1:1 “Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus...”

Romans 1:9 “For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son...”

1 Timothy 4:6 “If you put these things before the brothers, you will be **a good servant** of Christ Jesus...”

2 Timothy 2:24 “And **the Lord’s servant** must not be quarrelsome...”

Application Questions:

1. How do you view yourself?
2. How do you want others to view you?
3. What words would you use or want others to use when they describe you?

How far down the list does “Servant of Christ” appear? (or does it appear at all?)

Psalms 84:10 ESV “For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God...”

Psalms 16:11 ESV “You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy...”

Becoming a servant to a Master such as Christ is not drudgery or the end of one’s personal happiness; it is a path to the fullest and deepest joys this side of heaven.

“Today, outside the Roman Catholic and orthodox traditions, the word saint is seldom used. But when it is, it is most often used to describe a person (usually elderly) of unusually godly character. Someone might say, ‘If there was ever a saint, it is my grandmother.’ Upon hearing such a statement, we immediately picture a kind, gracious woman who regularly reads her Bible and prays and who is known for her good deeds toward others.”

—Jerry Bridges

Galatians 6:14 ESV “But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

“From the time they get off the bus and throughout their first year they are subjected to extremely rigorous discipline designed to transform them from easygoing teenagers into well-disciplined cadets preparing to become military officers...Why this difference between the Academy and a typical university? These young men and women have been in a real sense ‘set apart’ by the US Government to become Air Force officers. It costs our government over \$300,000 to educate and train each cadet over a 4-year period...In a similar way, every new believer has been set apart by God, separated unto God to be transformed into the likeness of His Son, Jesus Christ.”

—Jerry Bridges

*“These two words (Grace and Peace), are a concise expression of **the effect of Christ’s saving work** and appear together in all 13 of Paul’s salutations. The common source of grace and peace is ‘God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.’”*

—Geneva Study Bible

“Is our congregation a reflection of that divine grace and peace? Does our life as a church accord with the glory of that? Is there in our life together those things that should be expected of those who are drinking from the waters of grace and peace, that flow to us each day from the throne of God and the Lamb?...Is there majesty and purity and nobility that is consistent with our status as saints and our privileges to be receiving grace upon grace and peace upon peace?...Here were men and women in Philippi who were also in Christ. They were living extraordinary lives such as Greece had never seen before...Jesus sent his servants there to help the people of Greece and their lives were immediately transformed...”

—Geoff Thomas