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Saints

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If you are a believer, then
congratulations you are a saint.

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All believers have been set apart by God,
for God, and therefore have been
made saints by the sovereign
will of God alone.

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1 Peter 2:9-10

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1. A chosen race.
2. A royal priesthood.
3. A holy nation.
4. A people who are to worship God.
5. A people who were in the darkness but are now in the light.
6. A people for God's possession.
7. A people who have received mercy.

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“Faithful”

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A person cannot be a saint of God and be faithless because God is the source of bestowing both holiness and faith.

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Ephesians 2:8-9

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1 John 3:9-10

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“Brothers”

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Acts 1:15

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Galatians 3:26-29

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When two people have Christ in common,
they share something far more binding than
similar blood or DNA.

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“in Christ”

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1 Corinthians 15:22

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2 Corinthians 5:17-19

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“Grace”

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“Grace to you and peace from
God our Father.”

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“Peace”

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Ephesians 2:1-6

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We cannot make God give us grace, and we can do nothing to earn peace with God.

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Hebrews 2:17

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Series: Colossians

Sermon: Colossians 1:2

1. The word “brother” was the most common way for believers to reference one another for at least the first seven years after Christ ascended but the term also carried on even after believers were called “Christians.” See Acts 1:15, 11:26, 15:23 Why do you think the family connection was so important to the early believers?

Though we may not use the term “brother” or “sister” to commonly refer to fellow Christians, how could acknowledging this deep connectivity that we have in the family of God help you to better relate, love, and care for other believers?

2. New Testament authors also refer to Christians as “saints.” See 1 Cor. 16:1; Acts 9:41; Rom. 16:2; Eph. 4:12. A. Do you ever refer to think of yourself as a saint? Why or why not? _____ B. Do you think of other Christians as “saints”? Why or why not? _____ C. How would acknowledging the truth that this term conveys help you?

_____ D. How could reminding others that they are saints be an encouragement to them? _____

3. The term “in Christ” is used many times in Paul’s writings. Read how it is used in Romans 6:1-8 and talk about what is meant by it in this passage.

4. Many people believe that they are at peace with God, when in reality they are not. Many Christians believe that they are not at peace with God when they actually are.

A. Discuss why some people claim to be at peace with God even though they are not.

B. Discuss why some Christians may feel as if they are not at peace with God even though they are saved?

5. Have you ever skipped over Col. 1:2 too quickly and not dwelt upon the wonderful truths that it contains? What are some truths that can be gleaned from a close look at this passage?