

# Home Group Helps

## II Corinthians 1:1-2

### *The Saints*

(An Introduction to II Corinthians)

**I. The Sender (v.1a)** - Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother,

**II. The Recipients (v.1b)** - to the church of God which is at Corinth with all the saints who are throughout Achaia:

**III. The Greeting (v.2)** - Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**1. Launching Question(s):**

- Do you see yourself as a “Saint”?

**2. Observation Question(s):**

- Some commentators describe the city of Corinth as being akin to some of the American cities of the old, wild west. What are some of the similarities between these two cultures?

**3. Interpretation Question(s):**

- The Apostle Paul calls the Christians in Corinth (and Achaia/Greece) “the saints” (*hagios*), which means “sacred” or “holy” and comes from the Greek word *hagos* meaning “religious awe.”
- Why does this seem to be a strange title for the Christians in Corinth? In America?
- How is this a theologically appropriate title for a believer?
- Psalm 16:3 states, “As for the saints who are in the earth, they are the majestic ones in whom is all my delight.”
- What are some truths that we see in this verse? Why does God “delight” in the believer/saint?

**4. Reflection Question(s):**

- Paul greets the Corinthians with the words, “grace” and “peace.” Grace is God’s unmerited favor toward sinners and peace is the promise of the flourishing wellbeing that comes from being in right relationship with the living God.
- How is it that these two great attributes should characterize a Saint?

**5. Application Question(s):**

- Puritan Thomas Watson said that “The Saints are the walking pictures of God.” How might this be true of you this week?

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