

(EPHESIANS 1) "IN CHRIST"

- (v1) "the saints who are **in Ephesus**" - within the city limits; specified area; location; abide within the boundary; area defined as Ephesus; (not outside the city)
"faithful in Christ Jesus" - Christians located in that area.
- (v3) "who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing ... **in Christ**"
(Matthew 5:45) certain blessings are for all in the world: night and day, sunshine and rain ...
"every spiritual blessing" is located in a specified place, "**in Christ**."
"in Christ" - meaning, in His body, the church (Eph. 1:22-23, Colossians 1:18)
Entrance to that place is by being baptized (Acts 2:38, v47; Gal. 3:27; 1 Cor. 12:13)
- (v4) "just as He chose us **in Him**" - all "in Christ" are "chosen."
"Chosen" - selected out of; taken; made choice; to pick out.
A "choice" God made "before the foundation of the world" to determine our life-style.
- (v5) "predestined us to adoption of sons by Jesus Christ to Himself"
"predestined" - pre-determined; fore-ordained; fore-know; to mark out before-hand.
God determined before the foundations of the world that those "in Christ" are located in a place of salvation from His wrath. (see Eph. 5:23)
"adoption of sons" - brought into the family; the place and condition of a "son" given to one to whom it does not naturally belong; the title of "sons" bestowed in distinction from a relationship consequent merely upon birth. (Gal. 4:4-7; Rms. 8:14-17)
"by Jesus Christ" - it is accomplished by our being "in Christ."
- (v6) "He made us accepted **in the Beloved**"
"accepted" - to make acceptable; received.
- (v7) "**In Him** we have redemption through His blood ... forgiveness of sins ... His grace"
"redemption" - (see v14); a ransom-price to provide our deliverance; to release on receipt of ransom.
(Romans 3:23-26; Matthew 26:28; 1 Peter 1:18-21)
- (v9) "made known unto us the mystery ... which He purposed **in Himself**"
"mystery" - what was concealed is now revealed; made known; learned the secret.
(1 Peter 1:10-12; Colossians 1:26-28)
- (v10) "He might gather together in one all things **in Christ**"
"in the dispensation of the fullness of the times" - the last days; the N.T. era.
(Gal. 4:4; Colossians 1:13-23; Galatians 3:24-29)
- (v11) "**In Him also** we have obtained an inheritance"
"inheritance" - birthright; possess in virtue of son-ship; reward; that which is received on conditions of certain precepts.
- (v13) "**In Him** you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel ... "
(v13) " ... **in whom also**, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise"
"sealed" - shows ownership.
"the guarantee" - will complete the promise (Romans 8:11)
You received "the Holy Spirit of promise" at your baptism: (Acts 2:38-39, 5:32)
(Galatians 3:26-27 and 4:6)

(Ephesians 1:1) "TO THE SAINTS WHO ARE IN EPHEBUS"

(Acts 26:10) "This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of **the saints** I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them."

(Romans 1:7) "To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be **saints**"

(12:13) "distributing to the needs of **the saints**"

(15:25-26) "But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to **the saints**. For it pleased those from Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among **the saints** who are in Jerusalem"

(16:2) "that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of **the saints**, and assist her ... "

(16:15) "Greet ... and **all the saints** who are with them"

(1 Corinthians 1:2) "To the church of God which is at Corinth ... called to be **saints**"

(16:1) "Now concerning the collection for the **saints**"

(2 Cor. 1:1) "To the church of God which is at Corinth, with **all the saints** who are in Achaia"

(8:4) "and the fellowship of the ministering to **the saints**."

(9:1) "Now concerning the ministering to **the saints**"

(13:13) "**All the saints** greet you."

(Ephesians 1:1) "Paul an apostle ... to **the saints** who are in Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus"

(1:15) "I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for **all the saints**"

(Philippians 1:1) "To **all the saints** in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi"

(4:21-22) "**Greet every saint** in Christ Jesus. The brethren who are with me greet you. All the **saints greet you**, but especially those who are of Caesar's household."

(Colossians 1:2) "To the **saints** and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse."

(1:26) "but now has been revealed to His **saints**."

(1 Timothy 5:10) "if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the **saints'** feet, if ... "

(Phile v5) "hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the **saints**."

(v7) "because the hearts of **the saints** have been refreshed by you, brother."

(Hebrews 6:10) "in that you have ministered to **the saints**, and do minister"

(Jude v3) "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to **the saints**."

POPE SAYS MOTHER TERESA TO BE MADE SAINT SEPT. 4

Francis honors nun known for caring for poorest of the poor

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Mother Teresa will be made a saint on Sept. 4.

Pope Francis set the canonization date Tuesday, paving the way for the nun who cared for the poorest of the poor to become the centerpiece of his yearlong focus on the Catholic Church's merciful side.

The announcement was expected after Francis in December approved a second miracle attributed to Mother Teresa's intercession — the final hurdle to make her a saint. The actual date falls on the eve of the 19th anniversary of her death.

In Kolkata, the eastern Indian city formerly known as Calcutta where Mother Teresa spent decades caring for

the sick and homeless, there were joyous celebrations at a school and orphanage founded by her in 1949.

"The news of Mother's sainthood is a matter for joy. But Mother Teresa is already like God to us," said Jyotsna Patra, one of the early students of the school, now in her mid-50s.

Archbishop Thomas D'Souza conducted a special Mass on Tuesday, while the nuns of her order, the Missionaries of Charity, held prayers at her tomb.

"Mother Teresa's canonization means that the Mother's message will become better known," said Sister Christi, one of the senior nuns at the Kolkata headquarters of the order.

The Vatican ceremony will draw tens of thousands to honor the tiny, stooped nun who was fast-tracked for sainthood just a year after she died in 1997. Pope St. John Paul II, who was Mother Teresa's greatest champion,

beatified her before a crowd of 300,000 in St. Peter's Square in 2003.

Born Agnes Gonxha Bjaxhiu on Aug. 26, 1910, in Skopje, Macedonia, Mother Teresa joined the Loreto order of nuns in 1928. In 1946, while traveling by train from Kolkata to Darjeeling, she was inspired to found the Missionaries of Charity order.

The order was established four years later and has since opened more than 130 houses worldwide to provide comfort and care for the needy, dying, sick and "poorest of the poor."

Mother Teresa won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her work with Kolkata's destitute and ill — work which continued even after she herself became sick. She died on Sept. 5, 1997, at age 87. At the time, her Missionaries of Charity order had nearly 4,000 nuns and ran roughly 600 orphanages, soup kitchens, homeless shelters and clinics.