

Life In The Body

News and Notes for the :
Shelbyville
Church of Christ

September 15, 2019

Love for All the Saints

An interesting tidbit from the New Testament Scriptures is that only one time does the Greek word for “saint” (hagios) occur in singular form. That occurrence is in Philippians 4:21, and even there it is in reference to more than one “saint” as it is prefaced by the word “every.” In other words, every reference to the concept of the followers of Christ as “saints” is in the plural form. Without a doubt, this shows the strong bond we are to have with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Christianity is indeed an interactive, loving, symbiotic existence (Ephesians 2:19; 4:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:26-27). It is God’s desire and design that Christians involve themselves and their lives with one another.

Getting back to the word “saints” in the Scriptures, just notice this concept of how we involve ourselves with one another. Here is *“the faith of the saints”* (Revelation 13:10):

- * *“distributing to the needs of the saints”* (Romans 12:13)
- * *“devoted...to the ministry of the saints”* (1 Corinth. 16:15)
- * *“the fellowship of...the saints”* (2 Corinthians 8:4)
- * *“the equipping of the saints”* (Ephesians 4:12)
- * *“praying always...for all the saints”* (Ephesians 6:18)
- * *“Greet every saint”* (Philippians 4:21)

- * *“washed the saints’ feet”* (1 Timothy 5:10)
- * *“hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you”* (Phi.7)
- * *“the prayers of the saints”* (Revelation 5:8)
- * *“the righteous acts of the saints”* (Revelation 19:8)

Truly, this is how we show our *“love for all the saints”* (Ephesian 1:15; Colossians 1:14; Philemon 5): by interacting in helping, ministering, fellowshiping, training/mentoring, serving, refreshing/edifying, praying, and acting in righteous ways.

Take a good look at your life currently. Do you interact with your fellow saints? Do you show your love in the ways which were just listed? If you are truly a saint of God, then resolve to live up to your holy name!

“Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints...” (Ephesians 2:19).

– Edd Sterchi

Being First

“Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father” (Philippians 2:6-11).

This passage in Philippians 2 is very interesting. It is thought this was a hymn the early church would sing. The principle discussed in this writing is very important to us though. In context Paul is explaining why we need to humble ourselves and put others before us, and then he gives us this. Jesus goes from being God to coming to earth. Not only did he visit earth, he came as a man. Not only did he come as a man, he came as a servant that died at human hands. What a swing that was. It is incredible the love and humility Jesus displayed to allow all of this to happen. However, we see another swing of events. Be-

cause of what he has done, he has been exalted to the highest place and every knee will bow to him.

This does document what happened with Christ, but this also displays a concept we find throughout scripture. If we humble ourselves God will lift us up. Paul is explaining to us that we need to be willing to put others before ourselves and when we do so, we are never more like our savior, and like our savior we too will be glorified. "So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

— Steven McFadden

Upcoming Events :

Lady's Day ... "A Heart Full Of Joy"

Presented by : Delores Nelson

Date : September 28, 2019

Venue : Sunnyside Church of Christ

Gospel Meeting

Elm Grove Church of Christ

September 30- October 2, 2019 (Flyer is on the
7576 River Rd. , Iuka, IL 62849 bulletin board)

Leadership in the Local Church

Classes .. October 17-20

(Pre-Register at gsoponline.org)

Collinsville Church of Christ

Pride Packages For Soldiers: We rotate the items that we bring in so there will be a variety of things available for Pat to send to our soldiers. For the next two weeks we'll be bringing: Men's boxer shorts, dark colors, M, L, XL ; Men and Women's White OR Black crew socks (plain, no design or other colors on them) ; also Tube socks white OR black

Reading : I Cor. 12: 20 -13:8

NEXT WEEK : (September 15, 2019)

Song Leader : Greg

Scripture Reader : Larry

Table & Announcements : Bob

Birth : Bob & Brenda Stevens were gifted with a new granddaughter, Mia Riley Stevens arrived on 9-11. She weighed in at 9 lbs 8 oz.. Mother and child are both healthy. Aaron and Lizzie are almost as proud as the grandparents.

Prayer List :

Betty Lowe : Awaiting treatment for cancer & heart condition. We have no update on her.

Doris Faulkner : Will be returned to the Manor Alzheimer's unit on Monday (9-16) and Patti is requesting members visit her.

Shelly Kruger : Pete's young niece is battling cancer and it's a real struggle. She is in urgent need of prayers.

Ruby Bradd : The 2 yr old daughter of Stephen & Ranae will undergo another round of chemo treatments this week. This is a very aggressive form of treatment, but the stakes are high.

Larry Miles : Awaiting report from the 2nd biopsy on the 18th

Those with ongoing need of prayer :

Those with age related issues :

Marge, Ruby, Mary, Doris, Delores, Betty, Pete & Hazel,

Others with ongoing issues :

Madonna : Her biweekly chemo will continue indefinitely.

Nancy Miller : Parkinson's Disease

Brenda Stevens : Ongoing severe painful back issues

Butch Reynolds : Heart condition and back issues

Jerry Rankin : Heart Issues

Glenda Hyneman : Multiple recurring issues, some serious

Bruce Miller: Madonna's brother-in-law is holding his own.

Dan Luidhardt : Wayne's friend has severe kidney failure due to diabetes. His condition is deteriorating.

* Each day as you pray for those on this list,
always include our congregation and her elders

*Visitors are always welcomed.
We invite you to visit our assemblies.*

Schedule of Services :

Sunday Morning : Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:20 a.m.

Sunday Evening : Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday : Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



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