

EPHESIANS – The salutation



Pastor Tom Gang – Sunday, October 18, 2009

A _____ is defined as the opening phrase of a letter or speech used to address the recipient or audience. It is the initial introduction or greeting.

Today's message will focus on the _____ of Paul to the Ephesian believers. Overall, this entire letter is eloquent, composed and instructive; and the first two verses establish that meditative tone. They point us to the fact that if any believer will approach this epistle with an attitude of humility, yielding to the Spirit, it will become a gold mine of spiritual and practical truth. With a right _____ attitude toward God's Word, Ephesians will enrich our lives and richly bless our hearts making us vessels meet for the master's use.

EPHESIANS 1:1-2 – Paul's significant salutation

1. The author – verse 1a

a. _____

b. An _____ of Jesus Christ

- Apostle – A person sent out to execute some important business; a disciple that is _____ forth. In the early church, they were disciples sent forth by Jesus Christ – Mt. 10:1-5

c. By the _____ of God

- _____ Paul was called by the _____ will of God

- _____ Two types of God's will

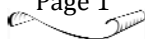
1) _____ will of God – God specifically wills certain things.
Those specific things can be found in the scriptures.

2) _____ will of God – God allows things to happen that He
does not approve of in order to accomplish some larger purpose.

2. The audience – verse 1b

a. The _____ which are at Ephesus

- Saint – A consecrated one; one set _____. In the Bible a saint is defined as any and _____ believer. Anyone who has received Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. _____ born again believers are saints – 1 Co. 1:2



b. The _____ in Christ Jesus

- Faithful – Loyal, devoted, trustworthy, staunch, dependable, dedicated, and committed; full of faith – Heb. 11:1, 6; Mt. 25:14-30

3. The attention – verse 2

a. Grace – Free favor _____ upon the undeserving – Heb. 4:16

- From God our father

b. _____ Peace – The absence of strife and conflict, with the presence of positive
_____ – 3 John 2

- From the Lord Jesus Christ

NO CHRIST – NO PEACE

KNOW CHRIST – KNOW PEACE