

## FIVE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE CHURCH (Ephesians 1:1-2)

### INTRODUCTION:

The Apostle Paul authored and addressed the Epistle of Ephesians to the church at Ephesus – and all Believers everywhere – to strengthen them in their Christian faith by explaining the nature and purpose of the church, the Body of Jesus Christ.

- “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it (Matt 16:18).

In this lesson message we will examine five Descriptions of the Church as recorded by the Apostle Paul in the Epistle of Ephesians.:

- I. The First Description of the Church is it Consist of “Saints” (v. 1:1a)
  - A. A Saint is a born-again Believer who is set apart, consecrated, sacred and holy.
  - B. All Believers are Saints (1 Pet 1:14-15)
- II. The Second Description of the Church is “The Faithful in Christ Jesus (v. 1:1b)
  - A. “The Faithful in Christ Jesus”
  - B. “The Faithful” (John 11:25)
- III. The Third Description of the Church Consist of “Us-Ward Who Believe” (v. 1:19)
  - A. The power of God is surpassing, incomparable, immeasurable and beyond our comprehension.
  - B. God’s power is “Us-Ward” – His power is present and available to His children.
  - C. As Believers, we must believe in God and His power.
  - D. Lewis Sperry Chafer
- IV. The Fourth Description of the Church is “His Body” (v. 1:23)
  - A. The Church is the Body of Christ (Eph 4:15-16; Col 1:18).
  - B. Christ is the Head of the Church (Eph 4:15; 5:23).
  - C. As the Head of the Church, the body (Believers) are commanded to submit to Christ’s authority at all times (1 Cor 12:27; Rom 12:4-5).
- V. The Fifth Description of the Church is “We are His Workmanship” (v. 2:10)
  - A. The result of Salvation is that a Believer is God’s workmanship (2 Cor 5:17; Eph 2:8-9; Rom 6:23; Titus 3:5).
  - B. D.L. Moody

### CONCLUSION:

- A. Salvation is **BY** Grace Alone, **THROUGH** Faith Alone, **IN** Christ Jesus Alone.
- B. We’re Marching to Zion
- C. ABC’s of Salvation

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).