

Welcome to  
Holly Hills  
Bible Church

Service to start  
at 10:30 AM



# Prelude

**The First Noel  
God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen  
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly  
The Child of Bethlehem**

**For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;  
And the government will rest on His shoulders;  
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.  
There will be no end to the increase of His government or of  
peace,  
On the throne of David and over his kingdom.  
To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness  
From then on and forevermore.**

**Isaiah 9:6-7**

## Announcements

**No Adult Electives on Dec 25 and Jan 1, but there will be a Main Service on both days at 10:30 AM.**

**No Ladies' Bible Study until Tuesday, January 3.**

### **Prayer Requests**

- Please continue to pray for healing for Dave D., Russ, and Lem (please see details in the bulletin).
- Aaron's ankle has continued to heal, and he is receiving physical therapy this month to aid in his healing.
- Praise for Ruthie who does not have to have surgery on her broken wrist, but it will be in a cast for at least 3 months.
- Please continue to pray for Mike Doyle as he has been diagnosed with endocarditis, but is feeling much better.
- Alan Tracy had a successful quadruple bypass operation, but please pray for his recovery.
- Please pray for Roger's sister, Trish, who has broken her leg and must keep her weight off of it until the new year.

## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (143: 1,2,3)

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies,  
With th'angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (143: 1,2,3)

Christ by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ the Everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see,  
Hail th'Incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (143: 1,2,3)

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Son of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings,

Ris'n with healing in His wings.

Mild He lays His glory by,

Born that man no more may die,

Born to raise the sons of earth,

Born to give them second birth.

Hark! the herald angels sing,

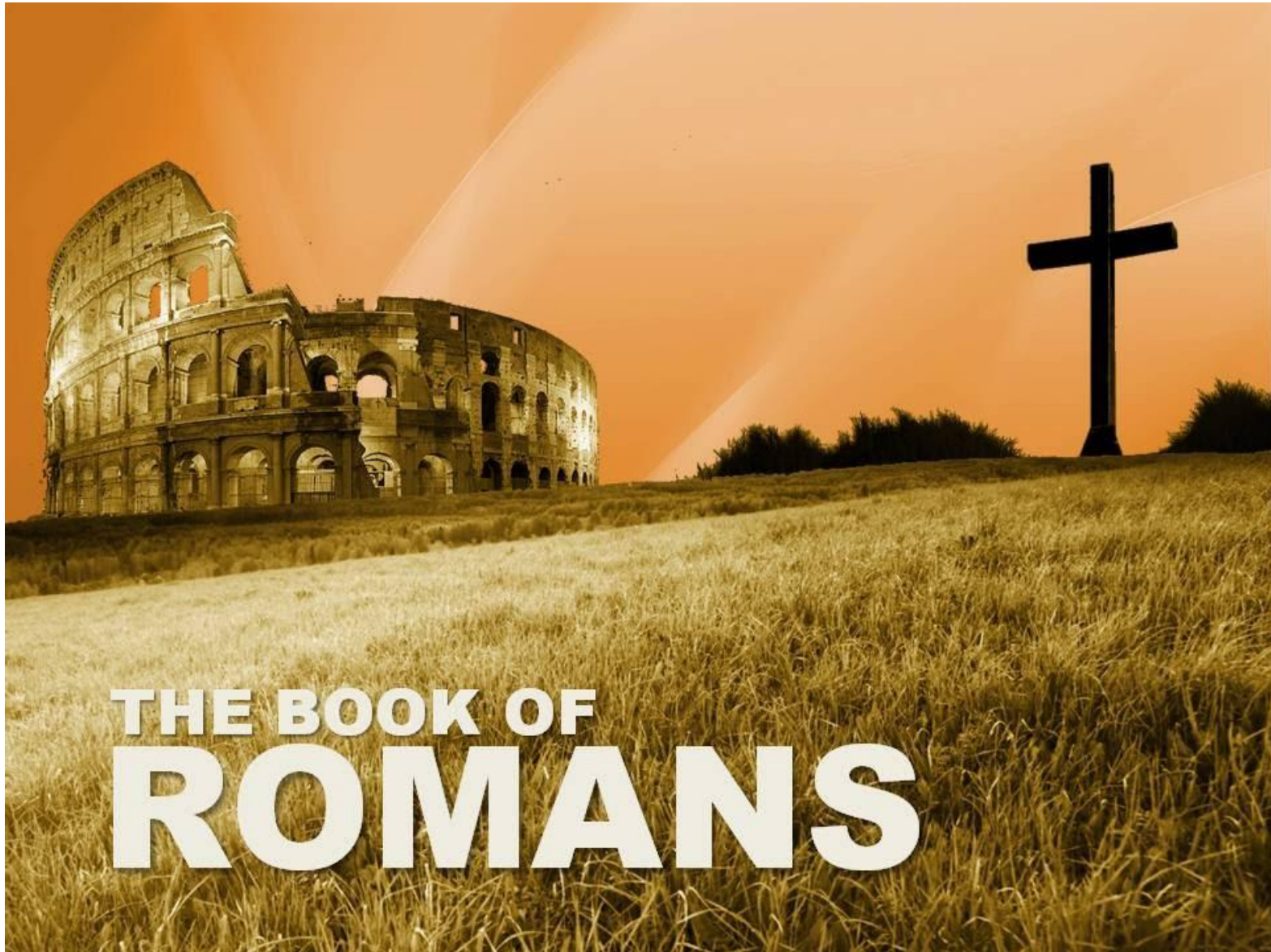
"Glory to the newborn King!"







# Rom 1:5-7 Blessings of Who We Are in Christ





# Outline \*



The Righteousness of God Revealed-1:1-17

Blessings to Paul -1:1

Blessings of the Gospel -1:2,3

Blessings of Who Christ Is [His Son] -1:3,4

Blessings of Who We Are in Christ [the Believer] -1:5 -7

Blessings to the Roman Believers -1:8-15

Blessings of the Gospel and Righteousness -1:16-17

<sup>1</sup> Paul,

- a bond-servant [*doulos*] of Christ Jesus,
- called as an apostle [sent one]
- set apart [to separate] for the gospel of God,

<sup>2</sup> which = the gospel of God

- He promised beforehand through His prophets
- in the holy Scriptures, [Who has believed our message\*]
- <sup>3</sup> concerning [surrounding] His Son,
  - who was born [became flesh] of a descendant of David according to the flesh,
  - <sup>4</sup> who was declared [to mark out] the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead,
  - according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, [this is the spirit of Christ]

\* good news in Rom 10:16 <sup>10</sup>

## The core of the Gospel [good news]



1 Cor 15:1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, <sup>2b</sup> by which also you are saved,

1 Cor 15:3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,<sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

- Christ died for our sins (on behalf of our sins) – our substitute.
- Christ was buried - you only bury a dead man.
- Christ was raised - God raised Him up again, --- since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

# Today's Verses



<sup>5</sup> through whom [Son of God] we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,

<sup>6</sup> among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; [end of Paul's introduction]

<sup>7</sup> to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as  
saints:

[greeting] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



# Outline of Romans 1:5-7



## Blessings of Who We Are In Christ\*

- We received grace and apostleship (Paul only)
- We are called (elected) ones
- We are beloved of God
- We are called saints
- Grace and peace is continuously supplied

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<sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,

**through whom** [“the Son of God” from verse 4]

- God the Father is the source
- Jesus Christ is His instrument

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**we have received**

- This is a factual event that happened in time past  
(aorist, indicative, active)

**grace** - *charis* - is God's unmerited favor

- A gift bestowed on **all** believers Eph 2:8
- We have perpetual access into His grace by faith \*
- We stand (are entrenched) in His grace – our eternal position\*

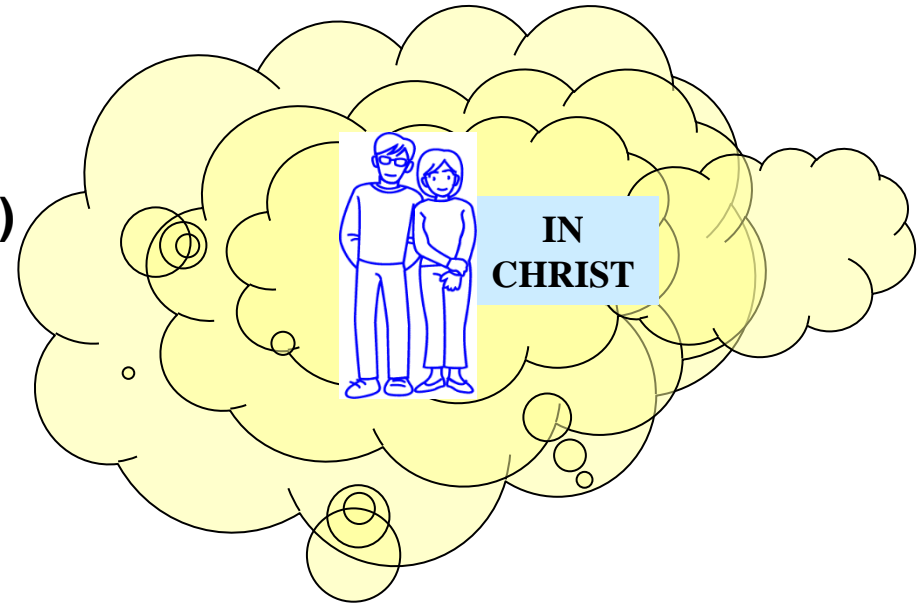
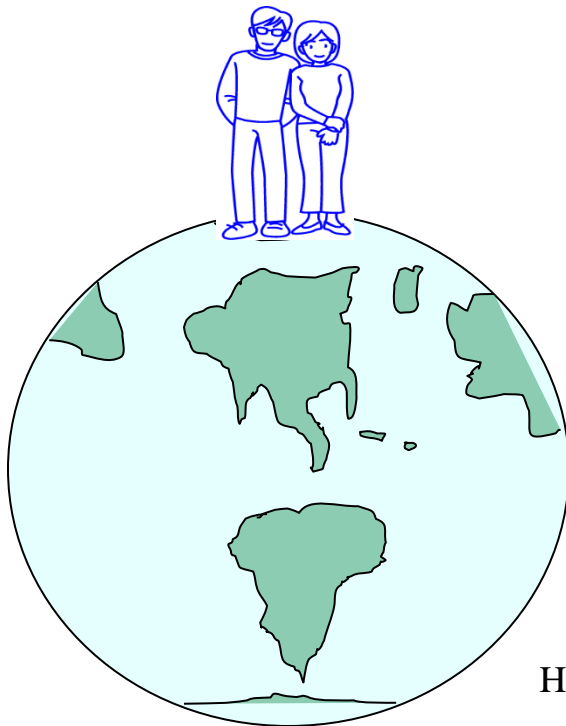
\* Rom 5:2 - Molloy

# Position vs. Condition

Our **POSITION**

( WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST )

- Eternal
- Unchangeable



Our **CONDITION**

( OUR MOMENT-BY-MOMENT WALK  
IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE )

- Temporal
- Changeable

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<sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,



**and** – has the force of “**and in particular**”

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- Rom 15:15b because of the grace that was given me from God, <sup>16</sup> to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, so that my offering of the Gentiles may become acceptable ---

**apostleship** – lit: a sending, a mission

- Personal grace must come before true service.
- The grace Paul had received concerned both his personal salvation and his service as the great example of divine favor.

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**to bring about** - *eis* - in order that there may be Wuest NT

*eis* - a preposition often speaking of purpose or result, here used in the sense of the words “in order to bring about.” Wuest

***the* obedience of faith**

**obedience** - *hypakoē* - is “a listening under” to the Lord via the Word\*

- Obedience proceeds out from faith as a direct result or fruit (genitive of source)\*
- Chronologically and logically faith comes first, then obedience or yielding\* \* Molloy

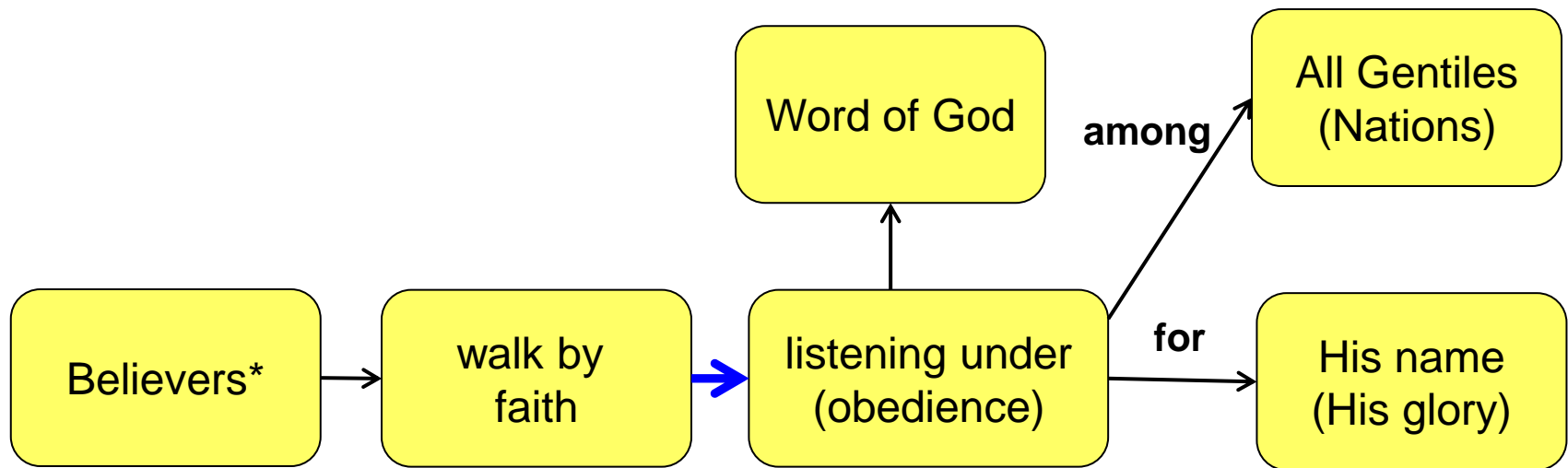
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**1<sup>st</sup>** - among all the Gentiles [*ethnos* - Nations]

**2<sup>nd</sup>** - for [on behalf of] His name's sake

- God is glorified as we listen under His word



\* Believers have received God's grace and Paul received grace & apostleship

6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;



among whom

you are - *eimi* - the state in which someone continually exist

- present tense, continuous action
- This is a positional truth which applies to all believers

the called is literally the “called ones”

called ones - *klētos* - an invitation, a call, an appointment

- This is an adjective that describes who we are in Christ

of Jesus Christ

- He is the source of our being a “called one” Molloy

Verse 6 ends Paul’s introduction to the Roman church.

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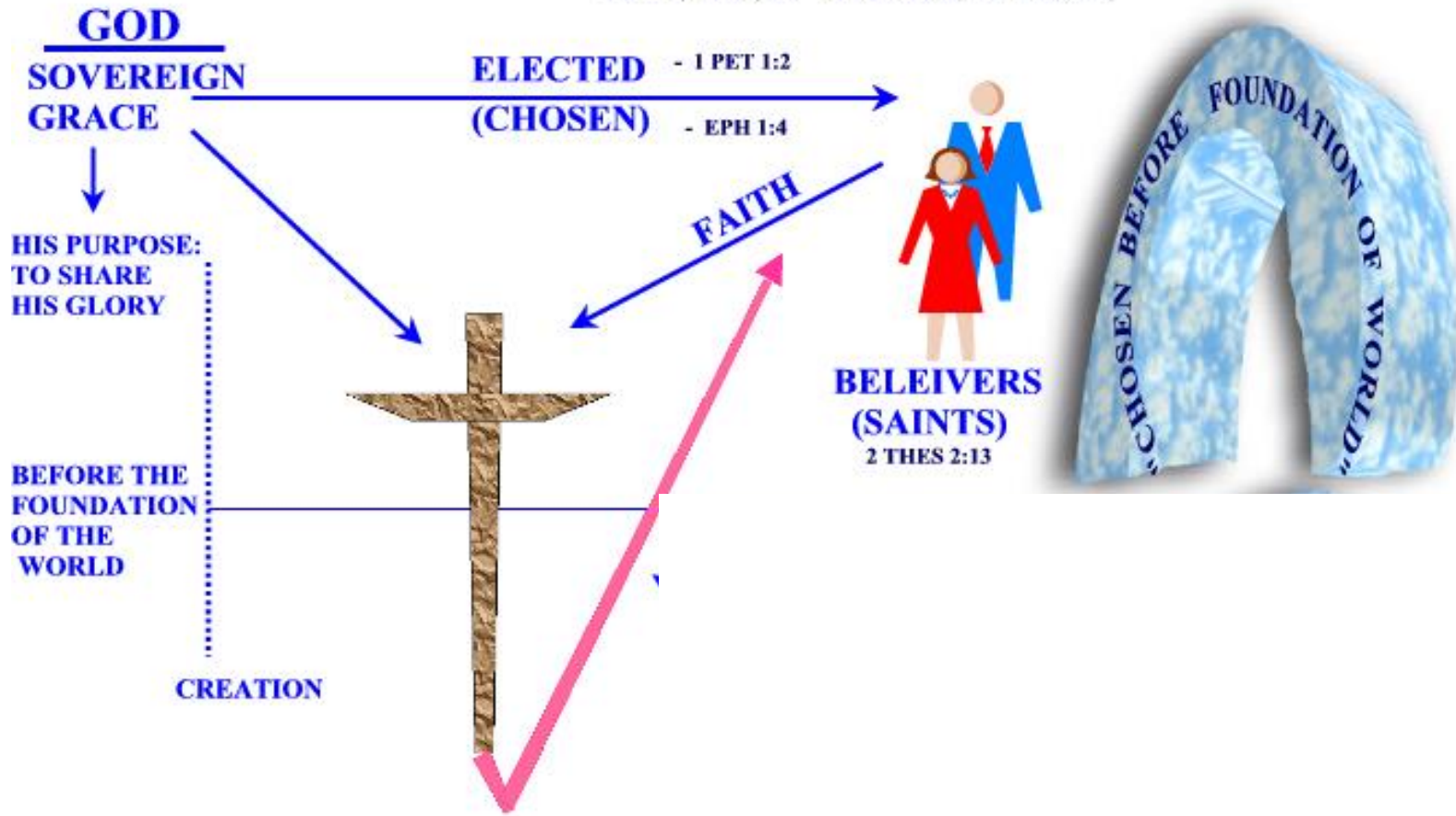


## Key point about the “called ones”\*

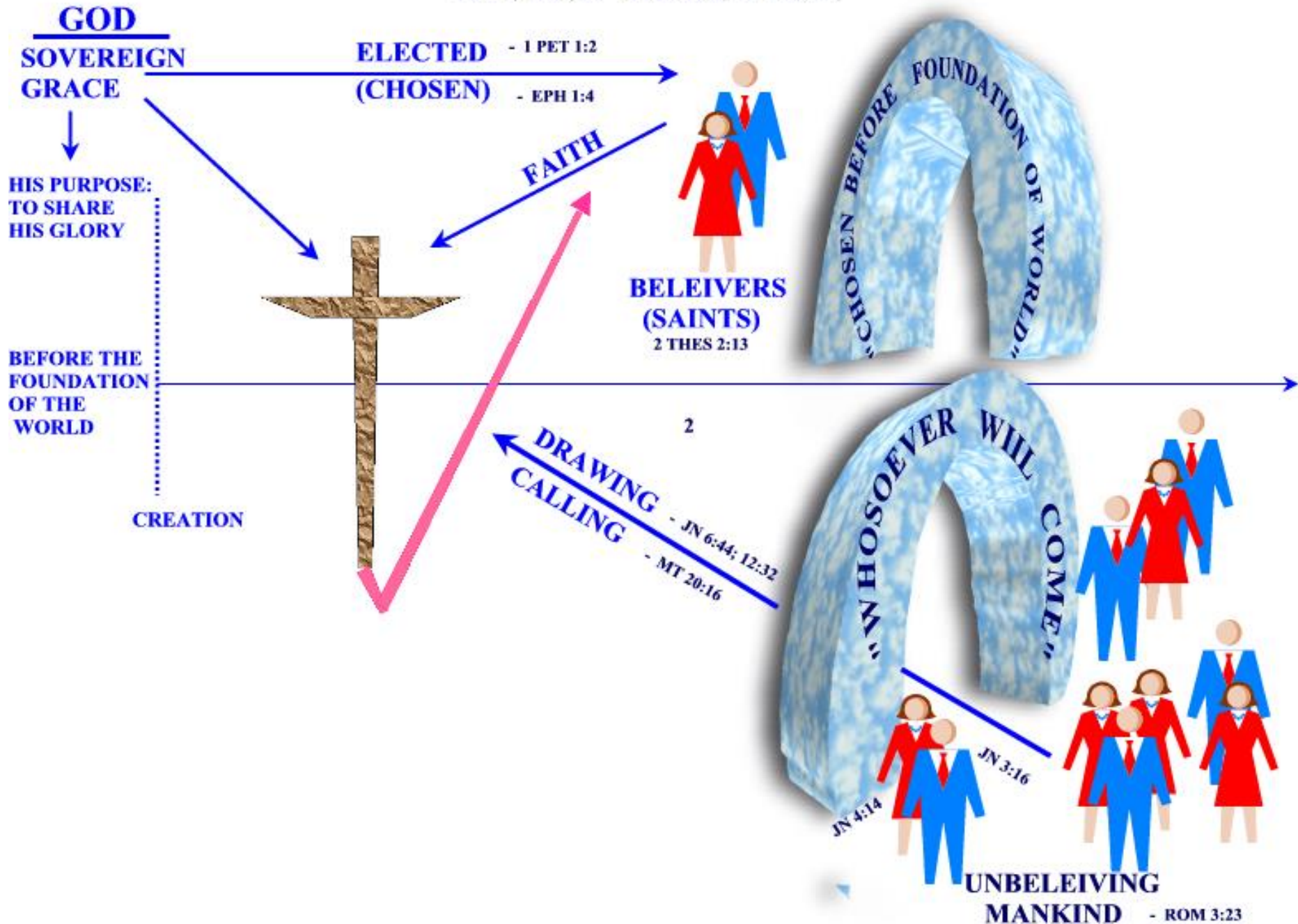
- Called or appointed ones - it does not depend on human acceptance or rejection
- Called ones are only those called (or elected) by God who are in Christ
- Called ones never refer to unbelievers
- We were called before the foundation of the world  
Eph 1:3,4
- God’s calling is fulfilling His eternal purpose in us – sharing His glory Rom 9:23-24



# DIVINE ELECTION



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7a **to** all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints

Paul now gives us the addressee and describes who they are in Christ – Why?

Interlinear:

to all the ones being in Rome, loved ones of God,  
called ones, saints

- Even though the letter is addressed to “the ones in Rome” it applies to all believers in Christ
- These two attributes are true of all believers
  - [being] loved ones of God (i.e. beloved)
    - **being** - *eimi* - the state in which someone continually exists
  - called ones [*to be*] saints



7a **to** all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints

1<sup>st</sup> - [being] **loved ones of God**

**beloved** - *agapetos* – this is the adjective form of *agapao*; describes a tender and intimate relationship

Important points:

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- This is how the Father refers to His Son Matt 3:17
- God has the same tender and intimate relationship with us (because we are in Christ)
- We can rejoice and rest in His intimate love for us
- Only His children are His “beloved”
- Unbelievers are loved by God, but are not His “beloved” John 3:16
- Nothing can separate us from being His “beloved”

Rom 8:35





7<sup>a</sup> **to** all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints

**2<sup>nd</sup>** - **called** [to be] **saints**

**called** - *klētos* - a calling or appointment

**saints** - *hagios* - one who is set apart; in the plural, as used of believers, it designates all such and is not applied merely to persons of exceptional holiness

more on called saints:

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- Every believer is called or appointed by God as a saint  
2 Thes 1:10, Eph 5:27
- Every believer is set apart to God by God
- Sainthood is not an attainment
- Sainthood is the position into which God calls every believer
- Believers living in sin are still saints  
1 Cor 1:2

7<sup>b</sup> [greeting] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



Now, Paul gives his greeting to the church:

- Grace & peace is to church at Rome and to all believers

Important points:

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- The only source of grace & peace is from the Father and the Son  
1 Cor 1:3; Gal 1:3
- Grace & peace is God's constant supply to you 2 Cor 9:8
- God desires that we walk in His grace & peace Col 2:6
- God abundantly supplies His grace & peace to us for His glory  
2 Cor 4:15
- God's abundant peace guards our hearts and minds

Phil 4:7

# Final Thoughts\*



- The salutation [verses 1 to 7] reveals the germ ideas that the writer proceeded to develop later.
- This feature is also characteristic of Paul's other epistles.
- So far Paul said he had a message [the gospel] that
  - was in harmony with the Old Testament.
  - It was from the risen Christ.
  - It was for all people [*ethnos*]
  - Furthermore it should lead people to obey [listen under] God by exercising faith in Him. \* Constable





## O Little Town of Bethlehem (145:1,2,3,4)

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The Everlasting Light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

## O Little Town of Bethlehem (145:1,2,3,4)

For Christ is born of Mary,  
And gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together  
Proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King,  
And peace to men on earth.



## O Little Town of Bethlehem (145:1,2,3,4)

How silently, how silently,  
The wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
The blessings of His heav'n.  
No ear may hear His coming,  
But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive Him still,  
The dear Christ enters in.

## O Little Town of Bethlehem (145:1,2,3,4)

O hear the sacred angels  
As faith holds wide the door,  
Then darkness wakes, the glory breaks,  
As Christmas comes once more.  
We hear the heav'nly angels,  
The great glad tidings tell,  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord, Emmanuel.

## 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; 24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.



## Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (1,2)

Infant holy, Infant lowly,  
For His bed a cattle stall.  
Oxen lowing, little knowing,  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.  
Swift are winging, angels singing,  
Noels ringing, tidings bringing:  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all,  
Christ the Babe is Lord of all!

## Infant Holy, Infant Lowly (1,2)

Flocks were sleeping, shepherds keeping,  
Vigil till the morning new,  
Saw the glory, heard the story,  
Tidings of a gospel true.  
Thus rejoicing, free from sorrow,  
Praises voicing, greet the morrow:  
Christ the Babe was born for you,  
Christ the Babe was born for you!