

**‘including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, <sup>7</sup>To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:** Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:1-10 It is God the Father who calls us by His grace through Christ to Christ

John 17:6 – Christian people have been given to the Son by the Father

John 6:44 – We come to Christ but we are drawn by the Father

Verse 6 says, Christians are people who are ‘in Christ,’ in His kingdom, and in His body.

Verse 7 tells us how they got there.

### **Loved...**

All those in Rome? Who, exactly?

Pay attention to the order. This is how it is in all of Scripture: **Loved** by God->Called->Saints

1 John 4:19 – Why? Because He first **loved** us!

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great **love** with which he **loved** us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved (Eph. 2:4-5).

“The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and **loved** them, even as You have **loved** Me (John 17:22-23).

The world hated these Romans. Does the world hate you?

### **Called...**

Luke 5:32; Matthew 22:14; Acts 2:38-39; 1 Cor. 1:26; 1 Cor. 1:18; 1 Peter 2:9; 2:21

### **Saints...**

Separated to God and to His praise. Separated *from* everything that separates us from God.

1 Cor. 6:9-11; Romans 1:18ff – Who you were

Colossians 1:13-14 – What He did

Philippians 2:12-13 – Sanctification

1 Peter 2:9-12 – What you ought to be doing

1 John 3:2-3 – I do not make myself a saint. I am made a saint. I have been separated. Because I realize that I am a saint, I must live as a saint.