



**Who I Am In Messiah Yeshua
(Taken From My Book Above)**

Day 17 Do You Know Who You Are?

9. You are A Saint or Sanctified (Aramaic)..... Romans 1:7, 1 Corinthians 1:2, Philippians 1:1

Rom 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of ELOHIM, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from ELOHIM our Father, and YHVH Yeshua Hamashiach.

1 Cor 1:2 Unto the church of ELOHIM which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Mashiach Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Yeshua Hamashiach our Lord, both theirs and ours:

Phil 1:1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Yeshua Hamashiach, to all the saints in Mashiach Yeshua which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Key Words

Saints

Aramaic – To be called and Sanctified is used vs Saints. (AENT Translation) *i.e. Romans 1:7...to the (people) called and sanctified. Sanctified means to be set apart for a holy use*

10. Above only and not beneath.....

Deuteronomy 28:13 (This applies to those who walk in obedience to God's teachings and instructions/Torah, in Messiah Yeshua)

Deu 28:13 And YHVH shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of YHVH thy ELOHIM, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:

Key Words**Above only not beneath (See above notes)****11. Holy and without blame before HIM in love elect..1 Peter 1:15, Ephesians 1:4***1 Pet 1:15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;****Eph 1:1** Paul, an apostle of Yahshua Messiah through the will of YAHWEH, to the saints being in Ephesus and faithful in Messiah Yahshua:**Eph 1:2 Grace to you and peace from YAHWEH our Father and the Master Yahshua Messiah.**Eph 1:3 Blessed is the Elohim and Father of our Master Yahshua Messiah, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heaven through Messiah,**Eph 1:4 even as He elected us in Him before the foundation of the world, for us to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,***Key Words:****Holy in Conversation**

Get your minds ready for work (v. 13a). Be mentally prepared for opposition, distractions, temptations and unexpected setbacks. This, having a clear hope for future reward (v. 13b) and refusing to **be shaped by the evil desires you used to have when you were still ignorant** of Yeshua the Messiah (v. 14) are necessary in order to heed Kefa's main exhortation, namely, to **become holy yourselves in your entire way of life** (v. 15).¹

He Has Chosen Us (Context Ephesians 1:1-4)

These four paragraphs form a single sentence in the Greek text and are so rendered in KJV. Their form is that of a Jewish *b.rakhah* (benediction; for more see 2C 1:3–7&N, 1 Ke 1:3–4&N). This is signaled by the first words, **Praised be Adonai, Father of our Lord Yeshua the Messiah**, which echoes the initial phrases of the *Amidah*, the central prayer of the synagogue liturgy, recited three times daily—*Barukh attah, Adonai, Eloheynu v. Elohey-avoteynu, Elohey-Avraham, Elohey-Yitzchak, v. Elohey-Ya.akov* ... (“Praised be you, *Adonai*, our God and God of our fathers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac and God of Jacob ...”).

Other expressions are also reminiscent of the synagogue prayers. Two examples: **he chose us in love** (v. 4), which resembles the close of the *Ahavah* benediction immediately preceding the recital of the *Amidah*, “Praised be you, *Adonai*, who has chosen your people Israel in love”;

¹ Stern, D. H. (1996). *Jewish New Testament Commentary : a companion volume to the Jewish New Testament* (electronic ed., 1 Pe 1:13). Clarksville: Jewish New Testament Publications.

and, **In all his wisdom and insight he has made known to us** (vv. 8–9), which recalls the fourth blessing of the *Amidah*:

“You favor humanity with knowledge and teach people understanding. Favor us with knowledge, understanding and insight from yourself. Praised be you, *Adonai*, gracious Giver of knowledge.”

Moreover, the refrain in v. 6, **and would be worthy of praise commensurate with the glory of the grace he gave us** (literally, “unto praise of glory of the grace of him, which he graced us”), and its condensations in vv. 12 and 14, dividing the passage into three periods, function like the words, *Barukh attah, Adonai*, which close each of the nineteen *Amidah* of the *Amidah*.

3 Adonai. The Greek word “*theos*,” which means “God,” is used here for God’s personal name, Hebrew *yud-heh-vav-heh*, written “*YHVH*,” “Yahweh” or “Jehovah” in English and spoken aloud as “*Adonai*” (see Mt 1:20N). In the Septuagint “*YHVH*” is rendered by “*theos*” more than 250 times.

4 He chose us ... before the creation of the universe. On predestination versus free will see Ro 9:19–21&N, Pp 2:12–13&N ²

Ref. Romans 9:19-21 Rabbi Akiva taught, “All is foreseen and free will is given” (Avot 3:15). Sha’ul does not let go of either side of the apparent paradox of predestination versus freedom of choice (see also Pp 2:12–13&N). Rather, he is action-oriented, steering us away from idle and destructive questioning of God’s governance, toward the practical solution, which is coming humbly to God through Yeshua the Messiah—this path is closed to no one. Rashi (1040–1105) notes that Pharaoh was given five chances to repent (in connection with the first five plagues) but hardened his own heart, and only after that did God confirm Pharaoh’s decision by hardening Pharaoh’s heart (commentary on Exodus 7:3). God does not harden the heart of anyone but a confirmed rebel (Yn 12:39&N); he wants all to turn from sin to him (2:4, 2 Kefa 3:9). ³

He chose us, but also gave us the freedom to choose, i.e. free will to serve God or reject Him with consequences of that choice being “Eternal Life” or “Eternal Death”.

² Stern, D. H. (1996). *Jewish New Testament Commentary : a companion volume to the Jewish New Testament* (electronic ed., Eph 1:3–4). Clarksville: Jewish New Testament Publications.

³ Stern, D. H. (1996). *Jewish New Testament Commentary : a companion volume to the Jewish New Testament* (electronic ed., Ro 9:19). Clarksville: Jewish New Testament Publications.