

SUPER SAINTS

"CALLED TO BE SAINTS."
Romans 1:7

It appears to me that we often regard the apostolic saints as if they were saints in a manner more special than other children of God. All are saints whom God has called by His grace and sanctified by His Spirit. Yet we tend to look on the apostles as extraordinary beings, scarcely subject to the same weakness and temptations that we encounter.

In doing this we forget the great truth that the nearer one lives to God, the the more intensely one mourns over evil in the heart. Also, the more our Master honors us in His service the more the flesh tempts us.

Had we seen the apostle Paul, we would have thought him remarkably like the rest of the chosen family. Had we talked with him, we would have found that his experience and ours were much the same. Paul was more faithful, more holy, and more

deeply taught, but he endured the same trials that we do.

Look not then on the ancient saints as exempt from infirmities or sin. Do not regard them with mystic reverence that almost makes us idolaters. Their holiness is attainable. We are "called to be saints" by the same voice which summoned them to their higher vocation. It is our duty to force our way into the inner circle of saintship.

If these saints were superior to us in their attainments, and they certainly were, let us follow their example and emulate their enthusiasm and holiness. We have the same light. The same grace is accessible to us. Do not be satisfied until you have equalled them in heavenly character.

They lived with Jesus, and they lived for Jesus; therefore, they grew like Jesus. Let us live by the same Spirit and our saintship will soon be apparent.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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LADIES FELLOWSHIP

JULY 11, 2018

Wills Cinnamon Shop

Stephanie Brewster will be taking a van to Wills Cinnamon Shop, Hot Springs, for a ladies outing Wednesday, July 11, leaving FBC at 9:00 A.M. (Cinnamon Rolls and a drink are approximately \$6). Not sure on return time! Depends on our fun! ☺

Dear FBC Family,

Thank you so much for the scholarship you all presented me with. It's such a blessing to be a part of such a great godly family.

I thank you all for your kindness and thoughtfulness.

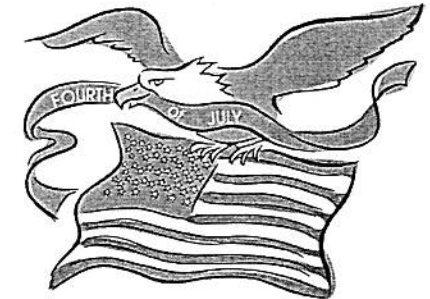
Sincerely,

Ricky Galego



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On July 2, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence. Two days later, delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson declaring our independence from British rule.

Ever since that day, we have celebrated the birth of American Independence on the 4th of July. As we celebrate, I hope we remember to thank God for the Freedom and Blessings He has given us!