

Ephesians 1:1 b, c

“Paul, apostle of Christ Jesus, by the will of God, to the saints...”

After looking at the Biblical subject of apostleship, we now view the words “of Christ Jesus.” Χριστοῦ Ἰησοῦ

Paul belongs to the Lord Jesus Christ, NOW, fully and completely.

Christ – the anointed one, commissioned one, appointed one.

Jesus – Humanity

Note: All nouns have quality and identity. Identity is indicated by the article. Quality is indicated by the omission of the article. There is no article before ἀπόστολος.

So the emphasis is on QUALITY!

With the words Christ-Jesus you now again have no articles used before those two words. Paul speaks here of Christ as the man of Authority – God appointed Christ Jesus and commissioned him. GOD THE FATHER APPOINTED THE LORD JESUS AND JESUS APPOINTED PAUL!

“ by δια. will θελήματος of God θεοῦ

Ephesians 1:1 b, c (Continued)

The word “thelema” means purpose, design. With no article, here again we have an emphasis upon the fact that God’s will, design, purpose are all PERFECT. (No mistakes, no flaws.) Quality is presented.

IT WAS THE PURPOSE OF GOD THAT PAUL BE AN APOSTLE OF GRACE.

1. The design of God in the eternal ages past was to take the worst sinner who ever lived and make him the greatest saint who ever lived. [!](#)
[Tim.1:12-16.](#)
2. God’s purpose, plan and design are totally an expression of His grace.
3. God is perfect – the absence of the definite article places emphasis on God’s Quality.
4. Since God is perfect, He cannot come up with an imperfect plan.
5. Paul was appointed to replace Judas.
6. Apostles are appointed by the Heavenly Father – Matthias was elected by men.

“to the faithful (ones responding to God’s truth) two words here “faithful” pistos πίστος and saints hagios ἅγιος The noun is saint – The adj. is holy – “to be set apart”

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