

in Christ Jesus, called to be *saints*.”—see 1. Cor. 1. 2.—And in chap. 14. ver. 20 of the same epistle, he calls them “BRETHREN,” and exhorts them to be “CHILDREN” in malice, “but in understanding to be men.” At the commencement of his epistle to the Galatians, he says, “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that *called you into the grace of Christ* into another gospel.” See Gal. 1. 6-3. And in chap. 4, ver. 31, he calls them “CHILDREN” not of the bond-woman but of the free. See also ver. 19. He calls the Ephesians “*saints*,” and “*faithful in Christ Jesus*,” See Eph. 1. 1. And in chap. 5, ver. 1, he exhorts them to be “followers of God as dear children.” The manner of his address to the Philipians is, “To all the SAINTS in *Christ Jesus* at Phillippi.” See chap. 1. ver. 1. To the church at Colosse he writes, “To the SAINTS and FAITHFUL BRETHREN in *christ* which are at Colosse.”—Col. 1. 2. When writing to the church of the Thessalonians, he speaks of their “*work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope*,” and calls them “BRETHREN BELOVED.” See 1. Thess. 1. 3, 4. And in chap. 2. ver. 11, reminds them how he had “*exhorted and comforted*” and charged every one of them as a father doth his children.” In beginning his epistle to the Hebrews, he says, “God—hath in these last days *spoken unto us by his Son*,” See Heb. 1. 1, 2. And in chap. 12. ver. 5, he says, “Ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto CHILDREN.” James addresses them as brethren, chap. 1. ver. 2.—PETER, when writing to the christians who were scattered abroad, declares that they, with himself, were “BEGOTTEN AGAIN to a *lively hope* by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,” See 1. Pet. 1. 3, 5. And in ver. 13, 14, exhorts them to “*hope to the end*,” &c “*as obedient children*.” The Apostle John in writing, says, “I write unto you, *little children because your sins are forgiven you for his name’s sake*.”—1. John. 2. 12.

I hope my reader, that the passages I have referred you to, and which I hope you will read with attention, are sufficient to convince you, that the churches to whom the Apostles wrote, were composed of true and real *saints*; that is to say, *real believers*, or at least those who professed to be such. But where *infant baptism* prevails, how vastly different is the case! As we walk through our streets, how often are our ears offended on hearing the awful

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