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Revealing Peace & Justice through Scripture from – “In the beginning...” (Gn 1:1) to “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen!” (Rev 2:21) TM

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1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6 – 7, 10 – 13a

Ephesians 5: 8 – 14

John 9: 1 – 41

1st Samuel Chapter 16 begins the story of David. The prophet Samuel is appointed to anoint the second and future king of Israel because the current King Saul has disobeyed God. This future king comes from one of the eight sons of Jesse of Bethlehem. Beloved David, the youngest son is anointed.

In anointing David, God was not looking for appearance or lofty stature, but is instead looking into the heart (v 7) to see the intent and disposition.

This is the beginning of a great man – albeit King David was as human a man as there ever was. David’s anointing almost 3000 years ago (Samuel goes to Bethlehem in 1065 BC), represents the perfect storyline of a *Tension in Catholic Ecclesiology*** . This tension in Catholic Theology is described as: ‘Holy & Sinful’, ‘Divine & Human’, ‘Saints & Sinners’, and ‘already and not yet’ to name a few contrasting and contradictory images. This points to salvation for all... because if grace is true, God will save every person. Yet some may disagree with God’s endless benevolence, charity and regard for all (the definition of agape).

Thus, it should come as no surprise that the last Canon of The Code of Canon Law (# 1752) is, “always observing canonical equity and keeping in mind the salvation of souls, which in the Church must always be the supreme law” (page 310).

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** For Catholics, Ecclesiology is the study of Roman Catholic Theology.

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