I Am A Saint - Part 1

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All Saints' Day

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In the Bible, the word *saint* simply means a ____.

The word saint comes from the same root word as ____.

Saints are to be holy, different or set apart from the culture around them, because the Spirit of Christ lives in them, seeking to transform them increasingly into the image and likeness of ____ himself.

For more information about All Saints' Day, and some connections to Halloween, go to our website Find-It Page.

The biblical understanding of saints is of a community of believers, united in Christ, seeking to live out his ____ in their daily lives.

A supportive ____ makes all the difference in the world.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

—*Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)*

The celebration of All Saints' Day came about to recognize all those godly Christians who had died but would never have a _____ named after them.

And I [John] heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!'

—Revelation 14:13 (NLT)

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

—Psalms 116:15 (ESV)

God's love for His precious saints has taken care of ____ loved ones.

Another definition of a saint: A person through whom the ____ shines, the ____ of Jesus Christ.

The community of faith, the communion of the saints, helps and encourages each other, as those who've gone before us, our great *cloud of witnesses*, encourages ____.

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