

I Am A Saint - Part 2

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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.

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, 'You shall be holy, for I am holy.'

—1 Peter 1:14-16 (ESV)

'For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves.... For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.'

—Leviticus 11:44-45 (ESV)

Peter doesn't just say *be holy* on Sundays - he says, *be holy in ____ your conduct*.

Christianity isn't occasional moral actions but a ____ striving to become more and more like Jesus, through the power of his Spirit.

Three References That Point To The Godly Character Of Saints:

I ask you to receive her in the Lord in a way worthy of

the saints and to give her any help she may need from you....

—Romans 16:2 (NIV)

- **(R)ecieve her in the Lord, in a way that reflects the way saints, or ____ himself, should be welcomed.**

... to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.

—Ephesians 4:12-14 (ESV)

- **Help other Christians become more ____ in the use of their gifts and faith for building up the body of Christ.**

But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.

—Ephesians 5:3-4 (ESV)

- **____ sexual immorality nor any impurity or desiring what others have or crude jokes.**

Notice that saints do these things in ____, with other saints, which is demonstrated by the use of the word *saints*.

More and more saints have given in to the lie of Satan that they can live the Christian life ____ from the body of Christ.

Imitating Jesus comes with a ____, because human beings tend to take potshots at those who stand out as different.

Jesus: 'If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the

world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you....'"

—John 15:18-20 (ESV)

People aren't actually our enemy - the ____ is, who influences and subtly encourages non-believers and believers to be unlike Jesus.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

—Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)

When [Jesus] went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

—Mark 6:34 (ESV)

Hate never ____ anyone, except to the ways of Satan.

Jesus: 'A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

—John 13:34-35 (ESV)

Love is choosing to accept someone for who they are, and sacrificially working for their ____.

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

—1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (ESV)

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends....

—1 Corinthians 13:4-8 (ESV)

The point is to allow God’s Spirit to work in us to increasingly mold us into the image and likeness of ____.

...And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

—2 Corinthians 3:18 (NLT)

Therefore, since God in his mercy has given us this new way, we never give up. We reject all shameful deeds and underhanded methods. We don’t try to trick anyone or distort the word of God. We tell the truth before God, and all who are honest know this.

—2 Corinthians 4:1-2 (NLT)

But Jesus, the apostles and the New Testament proved that love could change ____, one by one.

Theologian Greg Garrett shares three things he learned from leading challenging public conversations:

- 1. Everyone has their ____.**
- 2. We are more ____ than we are different.**
- 3. Conversation is not about ____.**

The love of God is the greatest power in the universe, and it lives in His ____.

Next Week: I am a Saint, Part 3