



A Church Is Filled with Only Saints.

Are You A Saint?

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

Ephesians 1:1-14; Colossians 1:1-14

Words Have Meaning

What Is Church?

- What is Church?
 - Do you answer this question with your opinion or have you studied the doctrine of what the Church?
 - If you are “doing church”; “coming to church”; “attending church” according to your opinion then you are not in the Church of God.
 - If you are “doing church” the way you are comfortable with and not strictly according to God’s ways then you are not in the Church of God.
 - Christians live their lives on DOCTRINE - GOD’S DOCTRINE.
 - We find God’s doctrine in His Word. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
 - ★ ONLY God’s Word is profitable for DOCTRINE.
 - ★ By definition doctrine must be studied.
 - So, doctrinally speaking, what is Church? Are you in the Church of God?
 - Are you a MEMBER of the Church of God? Are you performing your duties as a MEMBER of the Church of God? Are you a responsible MEMBER of the Church of God? Are you an example for others to follow?
- What is God’s purpose for His Church that He purchased with His own blood? (Acts 20:28)

- Christ laid down His life for His Church. Do you consider Church as important as Christ does? (Ephesians 5:2, 25)

What Is Church?

- ἐκκλησία ekklesia {ek-klay-see'-ah} -
 - An assembly of “called out ones”.
 - Those who have been personally called by God to be His special people. (1 Peter 2:9)
 - Those who have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9; Colossians 1:13; Romans 13:12; Ephesians 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:4-8; John 12:46)
 - ✗ In contrast to John 3:19-20; 1 John 2:9-11
 - Those called out of bondage into liberty (freedom); not to do whatever we want or wish but to do what we ought (obligated) to do. (Galatians 5:13; Romans 6:20)
 - Those called out of being enemies of God to having peace with God. (Colossians 3:15; Romans 5:1)
 - Those called unto holiness and not uncleanness. (1 Thessalonians 4:7; 1 Peter 1:15-16)
 - God’s calling is a . . .
 - HOLY CALLING. (2 Timothy 1:9)
 - HIGH CALLING. (Philippians 3:14; Isaiah 57:15; Ephesians 2:6)
 - HEAVENLY CALLING. (Hebrews 3:1) It is a call out of the world to a citizenship in heaven. (Philippians 3:20-21)
 - IRREVERSIBLE, IRREVOCABLE, UNCHANGING CALLING. (Romans 11:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)
 - God’s calling is a calling unto SAINTHOOD.

What Is A Saint?

- (Colossians 1:2) Paul writes to “the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colossae.”
- (Philippians 1:1) Paul writes to “the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi.”
- (Romans 1:7) Paul writes to “to all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called saints.”
- (1 Corinthians 1:2) Paul writes to “the church at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.”
- ★ A church is an assembly of saints.

- ★ **NOTE:** One must be a saint **before** he/she dies. No one becomes a saint **after** he/she dies.
- ★ **NOTE:** Only saints go to heaven.
- ★ **ONLY** God can make someone a saint.
- “saint” — ἅγιος hagios {hag'-ee-os} - “most holy thing”; “holy one”; “sanctified one”; “set apart one”.
- God chose us to be holy. (Ephesians 1:4)
- A saint is one who has been “set apart” by God. A saint is one who has been . . .
 - SET APART **from** the world **unto** God. (John 17:6; 1 Peter 2:9; Titus 2:14; 2 Corinthians 6:19-20)
 - SET APART **from** the power of sin **unto** righteous living. (Romans 6:)
 - SET APART **unto** works. (Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:14; James 2:14-26)
 - SET APART **unto** holiness. (1 Thessalonians 4:7; 1 John 2:6)
- A saint is one who **is** sanctified and is **being** sanctified. (Hebrews 10:14)

The Blessings Bestowed on Only Saints (Ephesians 1:1-14)

- ① Chosen by God (v. 4)
- ② Predetermined by God to be one of His children. (v. 5)
- ③ Made acceptable to God in Christ. (v. 6)
- ④ Redeemed by the blood of Christ. (v. 7)
- ⑤ Forgiven of all their sins. (v. 7)
- ⑥ God’s will revealed to them. (v. 9)
- ⑦ Predestined to an inheritance. (v. 11; Romans 8:16-17)
- ⑧ Sealed/Guaranteed with God’s own Spirit. (vv. 13-14)
- ⑨ Preserved in Christ by God. (Psalm 31:23; 97:10; Prov 2:8; Jude 1)
- ⑩ Interceded for by Christ. (Romans 8:27, 34; Hebrews 7:25)

An Apostle’s Prayer for Only Saints (Col 1:9-11)

- God will **fill** (*pleroo*) the saints with knowledge of His will with **all** wisdom and spiritual understanding. (v. 9)
- That they walk **worthy** of the LORD. (v. 10)
- That they live their lives **fully pleasing** to God. (v. 10)
- That they may be **fruitful** in **every** good **work**. (v. 10)
- They would continually grow in the knowledge of God. (v. 10)

- That God would strengthen them with **all** might, according to His **glorious** power for **all** patience (endurance; perseverance) and long-suffering **with** joy! (v. 11)

Am I a Saint?

- If a church is made up of **only** saints, am I a saint?
- If **only** saints go to heaven, am I a saint?
- ★★★ Saints are **SERIOUS** about their **relationship** with God.

What Do Saints Do?

- By God’s definition, a saint . . .
 - ① Fear God (Psalm 34:9; 22:23; 89:7; Revelation 11:18; 15:3-4)
 - ② Are contrite and humble (Isaiah 57:15; Philippians 2:5-8)
 - ③ Tremble at God’s Word (Isaiah 66:2)
 - ④ Live on **every** Word of God. (Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17)
 - They **do** the will of God. (James 1:22; Matthew 7:21; 12:50)
 - ⑤ Are faith**FUL** (Colossians 1:2) - obedient to the Word of God.
 - As children of God, they continually **practice** righteousness. (1 John 2:28-3:10)
 - They obey God’s commandments because they love God. (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 14; 1 John 2:3-6; 5:3)
 - ⑥ Love **all** the saints just as they are loved by Christ. (Colossians 1:4; John 13:34-35; 1 John 5:1-2)
 - Their love **abounds** for each other. (1 Thess 3:12; 2 Thess 2:13)
 - ⑦ Labor in love. (Hebrews 6:10; 1 Thessalonians 1:3)
 - ⑧ Labor in prayer for each other. (Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:12)
 - ⑨ Pursue holiness (Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 1:15-16)
 - As a result, they do not sin (1 John 3:6) because . . .
 - ★ They hate sin as God hates sin. (Psalm 119:104, 128)
 - ★ They know that sin is LAWLESSNESS and they love God’s LAW. (1 John 3:4; Psalm 119:113, 163)
 - ★ They cleanse themselves from “every from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” (2 Corinthians 7:2)
 - ★ They live a life of repentance. (Mark 1:14-15)
 - ★ They purify themselves just as their Lord is pure. (1 John 3:3)