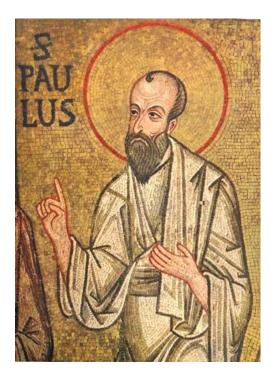
ARE YOU A SAINT OR A SINNER?



Let the Word answer this question to you.

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For so long, I have beating myself up with a lot of condemnation. trying to do the right thing all the time as a good Christian. Every time that somebody would say something good about me, it was hard to believe. But guess what? This has come to an end, and today is your day. This religion spirit is being exposed! You will be free to see who you are in Christ, regardless of your mistakes in your Christian walk. When you are tangled up with these spirits, they will not allow you to see yourself the way you really are. They will also try to stop you from seeing your divine nature. The more you beat yourself down, the more they like it. They will whisper in your ears after every mistake: What kind Christian are you?

They will even use preachers to tell you that you are A SINNER SAVED BY GRACE. But guess what? I'm telling you the Truth right now. That's a lie from the pit of hell. YOU WERE (PAST TENSE) A SINNER! WE HAVE ALL SINNED! Past Tense! Romans 3:23. IN CHRIST, WE ARE NO LONGER A SINNER BUT- prepare your ears - A SAINT!

"Be holy" has a wrong connotation with "never sin." That's why it is so hard to see ourselves as HOLY. Actually, sanctification is the same Greek word as holiness, "hagios," meaning a separation. First, a once-for-all positional separation unto Christ at our salvation. Second, a practical progressive holiness in a believer's life while awaiting the return of Christ. Third, we will be changed into His perfect likeness—holy, sanctified, and completely separated from the presence of evil.

Some of us, came from the Catholic Church – which has another religious spirit driving the denomination - and inherited a Roman Catholic concept of sainthood. This is the reason why it sounds almost like blaspheme when we say that we are saints! But we are!

(Canonization is the act by which a Christian church declares a deceased person to be a saint, upon which declaration the person is included in the canon, or list, of recognized saints. Originally, individuals were recognized as saints without any formal process. In the Catholic Church (both the Western and Eastern Churches) the act of canonization is reserved to the Holy See and occurs at the conclusion of a long process requiring extensive proof that the person proposed for canonization lived and died in such an exemplary and holy way that he or she is worthy to be recognized as a saint. The Church's official recognition of sanctity implies that the persons are now in heavenly glory, that they may be publicly invoked and mentioned officially in the liturgy of the Church, most especially in the Litany of the Saints. Other Catholic churches still follow the older practice.)

Holiness has more to do with a lifestyle than to keep our eyes on our religious list of "do-and-don'ts". We made mistakes once, and we will make them again, but we are still the SAINTS OF GOD if our hearts are crying out to please him. Sin is an accident that happens in the life of the saints. It's something that we don't have pleasure in anymore. That's the difference. But on the other hand, if you do take pleasure in it, you are not born of God. Read the Word. You cannot call yourself Christians or saints. You are neither one.

I'm sharing this word because I believe that the Lord wants to break condemnation off those WHO ARE IN HIM (II Corinthians 5:17: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.) His people have been so full of shame and condemnation that they cannot even receive their

truly identity. Now it's time! Without any resistance, receive the truth, and it will set you free. Then you tell me who we are in Christ: saints or sinners?

1) Are you born of God? Yes. Is God holy?

We are partakers of a divine nature. II Pet 1:4

"by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

2) Are you born again? The seed that was planted in your spirit is incorruptible: I Pet 1:23

1 Peter 1:22-23 "Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit[a] in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever"

- 3) For a sinner, sin is a lifestyle. For a Saint, sin is an accident. 1 John 1:7-10 "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."
- 4) God's seed cannot keep sinning because they are born of God: 1 John 3:7-10 " Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God."

- . Anyone born of God sins not: 1 John 5:18
- "We know that no one who is [a]born of God sins; but He who was [b]born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him."
- . Anyone born of God died to sin: I Pet 2:24 "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed."
- . Anyone born of God has dominion over sin: Rom 6:14 "For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace." (Romans 6 and Romans 8 will convict you that you are DEAD TO SIN)
- . Anyone born of God, abides in Him and sin not: I John 3:6 1 John 3:6 "Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him."
- . Anyone born of God is dead to sin and slaves to righteousness: Romans 6
- . Anyone born of God hates sin: Psalm 97:10 :You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the souls of His saints; He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked."
- . Anyone born of God hates sin: Amos 5:15 :Hate evil, love good; Establish justice in the gate. It may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.
- . Anyone born of God is not comfortable with sin around him: 2 Peter 2:8: for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds"
- . Anyone born of God follows the law of the Spirit, not the law of sin: Rom 8:2 "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death."

YOUR PROCESS OF CANONIZATION STARTED WHEN JESUS DIED. IT CAN BE MANIFESTED NOW!

In God's Kingdom, you don't die first then you are canonized. He died first than you became SAINT!

. BE HOLY. JUST AS YOUR FATHER IS.

"Therefore you shall be holy, just as your Father in heaven is holy." Mat 5:48

- . Be sanctified through HIS WORD: 1 Corinthians 1:30 "And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, "
- . Sanctification is a practical experience: Hebrews 12:14 "**Strive** for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."
- . Sanctified first then sent out to the World: John 17:18-19 "As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth."
- . The World will see us as He is: Holy: I John 3:2 "Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is."
- . Complete sanctification: 1 Thessalonians 5:23 "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

WE SHOULD HAVE AN ALL THE SAINTS CELEBRATION – not in November but every day!

- "To all that be in ROME, beloved of God, called to be SAINTS: grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." Romans 1:7
- "Praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the SAINTS." II Cor 8:4
- "And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of SAINTS." Rev 19:8

To all saints, glory be to Jesus, the one who sanctified us once and for all! HALLELUJAHHHHH!

In Him,

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