

# ***Shedding Light on Bible Words & Facts***

## **Study # 20 - Saints**

The Bible does not support the popular idea of what constitutes a Saint.

The New Testament word does not mean a person who is pious or unusually good in the eyes of men. The Greek root means “separate” or “set apart”.

It is used of all Christians – **1 Corinthians 14:33; Philipians 1:1**, including some who were by no means saintly, because they were guilty of various sins – **1 Corinthians 1:2, 11; 5:1-2**.

The holy men & women mentioned in **1 Peter 3:5 & 2 Peter 1:21** were simply persons set apart to God.

The New Testament condemns all who think themselves holier than others – **Luke 18:9-14, cf. Isaiah 65:5**.

Saints may be poor – **Romans 12:13; 15:26...** but they:-

- (a) Have an eternal inheritance – **Colossians 1:12**.
- (b) They are joint heirs with Christ – **Romans 8:17**
- (c) Their prayers rise to Heaven like incense – **Ephesians 6:18; Rev. 5:8, 8:4**.
- (d) The faith was delivered to them & not to an ecclesiastical organization – **Jude 3**.
- (e) Christ will be glorified in them when He returns – **1 Thess. 3:13; 2 Thess. 1:10**. What He will have done for them will astonish the world.

The Saints mentioned as living on Earth after the Church has been raptured – **Revelation 13:7**; and later during the Kingdom age – **Rev. 20:9**; are people set apart by God to a destiny which is altogether different from that of Church Saints.

**Challenge...** Remember as a Saint you are set apart to bring Glory to God.

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