

Lesson 3

GOD'S CALLED-OUT ASSEMBLY THE CHURCH

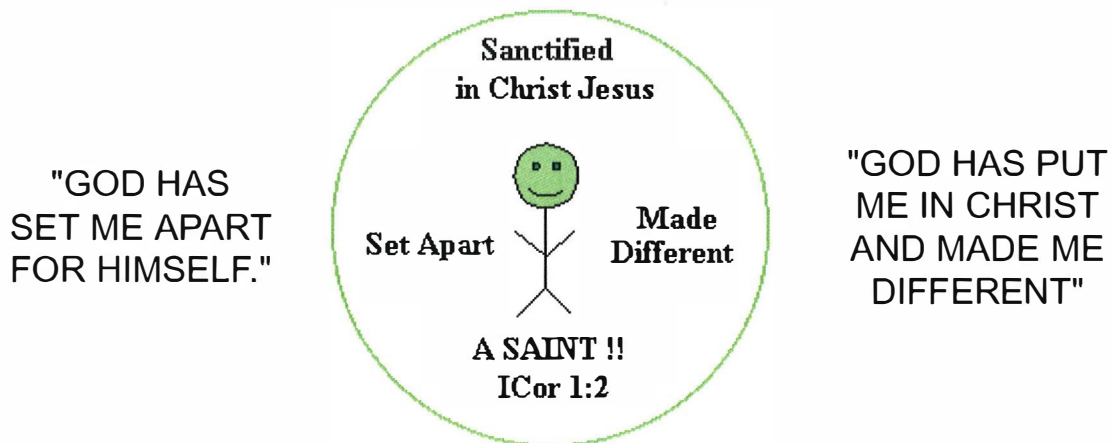
Church Members Were Called "Saints."

According to 1 Corinthians 14:33 and 2 Corinthians 13:13 the members of the Church are called _____. The word "**saint**" means "a person who has been **set apart** by God, **set apart** for God's service." Not only are the members of the Church a **called-out** people (1 Pet. 2:9), but they are also a **set apart** people (1 Cor. 1:2).

Suppose you were sitting in an auditorium with thousands of other people, waiting to hear a speech by the President. Suddenly the President walks all the way up to the place where you are sitting, takes you by the hand, leads you to the platform, and sits you down right next to him! By doing that he has **set you apart** from all the other people. He has put you in a very special place and he has made you **different** than all the other people who were there.

When God saves a person He **sets him apart** and He makes him (or her) sit in a very special place. Where is the believer made to sit (Eph. 2:6)?

_____ He has been put in a very special place--**in Christ Jesus**--and thus God has made the believer **DIFFERENT** than all the unsaved people.



If I'm really a **saint**, should there be a **difference** in the way I live? Should there be a **difference** in the kind of language I use? Should there be a **difference** in the way I act in school? Should there be a **difference** in the way I dress? Should there be a **difference** in the way I talk to and treat my parents? Should there be a **difference** in the kind of friends I have (Psalm 119:63)?

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If there is no difference between me and the unsaved then there is a big question as to whether or not I'm really a saint, whether or not I am really a member of Christ's church (Compare Leviticus 20:24-26; Deuteronomy 7:6 and Ezekiel 22:26; 44:23).

If you **are** a saint then **live** like a saint! Dare to be **different!** (compare Daniel 1:8).

What are ways that a saved person can show that Christ has made a difference in his or her life? What about the language we use? How do we use our free time? What is our attitude towards those in authority over us (our parents, our teachers, etc.)? What is our attitude towards our friends, our classmates, those who mistreat us? What kinds of television programs do we watch or refuse to watch? What kinds of music do we listen to? Do we bow our head and pray before eating? Do we spend time reading God's Word? Is prayer important to us or is it just a ritual that we do at meals and before we go to bed?

Has your life changed and become different because of the Lord Jesus Christ? See 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Is it possible for a saint (a saved person) to live like an unsaved person (1 Corinthians 3:1-4)? Why is this so? What should be done about it?

