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## IDENTITY - SAINTS PART 1

So far in our identity resource we have unpacked sonship, soldier, bond servant, and on a previous resource which is available under the heading 'resources', we have looked at priests. For the next aspect of our identity I want us to unpack what it is to be a 'saint'.

In what we might say, are some of the more traditional churches, i.e Anglican or Catholic, we can see this word being used to describe different people who either walked with Christ or played a significant part in the early church years. An example of this is in the term 'saint Paul or saint Peter'.

The word 'saint' means - most holy thing.

***1 Peter 1:15-16 "but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behaviour; because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."***

We shall be holy for He is holy. To be a saint is to be holy, because God is holy. When we hear this word holy, we can instantly go to a place in our minds which creates condemnation, failure and shame. We do this because we are unaware His blood has already made us holy, and we think primarily being holy is about our behaviour.

We read this passage which talks about behaviour and because we lack the revelation we are already holy, we instantly go to functional behaviour as our reference point for holiness, rather than the blood that was spilt for us that makes us holy. It's really only from this first placed beginning position of knowing you are holy you can start to truly demonstrate a lifestyle which is holy, as a saint of His.

The word holy means - set apart.

As saints we have been set apart, for a very specific purpose. We have been set apart from the world to be His and His alone. We have not been set apart to be someone else's first or to have someone else as our first. We have been set apart firstly for Him and secondly for His purpose.

Those saints who know this reality through the power of revelation, are living this set apart life right now, today. They know they are holy and they know they have been set apart unto Him and Him alone. They are no longer living for the priorities and passions that they once used to, because they have been made aware of who they are in Christ.

Too many followers think being holy is being perfect, in the context of being squeaky clean and never ever making a mistake or sinning. This is a false belief system, which keeps us as saints from ever knowing how holy we in fact are and just how much the Father wants us to partner with Him, in seeing His plans outworked in our lives and in the lives of other saints and non followers who will become saints.

To be a saint means to be holy and to be holy means to be set apart unto Him and Him alone.

### QUESTIONS

1. How easy or difficult is it for you to know you are already holy and why?



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2. Why do people base their holiness on their behaviour firstly, rather than on His blood?
3. How detrimental and damaging is that for every follower who believes in the behaviour first model?
4. Describe what a set apart follower unto Him is and then ask yourself if you are a reflection of this saint.

**ACTION POINT:** What action point do we need to take away from tonight?