## Called to be Saints / Called to be Different <u>Romans 1: 3-7</u>

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Sin	Salvation	Sancti- fication	Sovereignty	Service	So Long
	Doctrinal				

"Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

John 14:1-3

## Verse 3 - 4 Saints are separated / Called to be different

God calls believers <u>SAINTS</u> = those separated to God

<u>SAINTS</u> are to impact, not sit silent and blend with the culture

**<u>SAINTS</u>** are set apart. Set apart to what?

*"Separated to the gospel of God"* (verse 1) and separated to Christ

#### What does it mean to be separate?

*"Come out from among them and be separate"* <u>1 Corinthians 6: 17</u>

When one is saved, they are to disengage, sever themselves, from all forms of this world's idols

Make a clean break from sinful habits (tear down strongholds)

How are you conducting your life? What are people seeing in you? *"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ"* <u>Philippians 1: 27</u>

So many use God-talk and Jesus-speak, yet live like the world!







You are an ambassador, *a representative,* of Christ – act like it!!

Where I go, what I do, how I speak, how I act, who I hang with, means a lot! <u>Proverbs 12: 26</u>

# You will become like the people you hang around with.

At Jesus' incarnation, He did everything through the power of the Holy Spirit

Jesus voluntarily set aside the use of His divine rights

#### "What is the kenosis?"

 The term kenosis comes from the Greek word for the doctrine of Christ's selfemptying in His incarnation. Christ completely submitted Himself to the will of the Father.

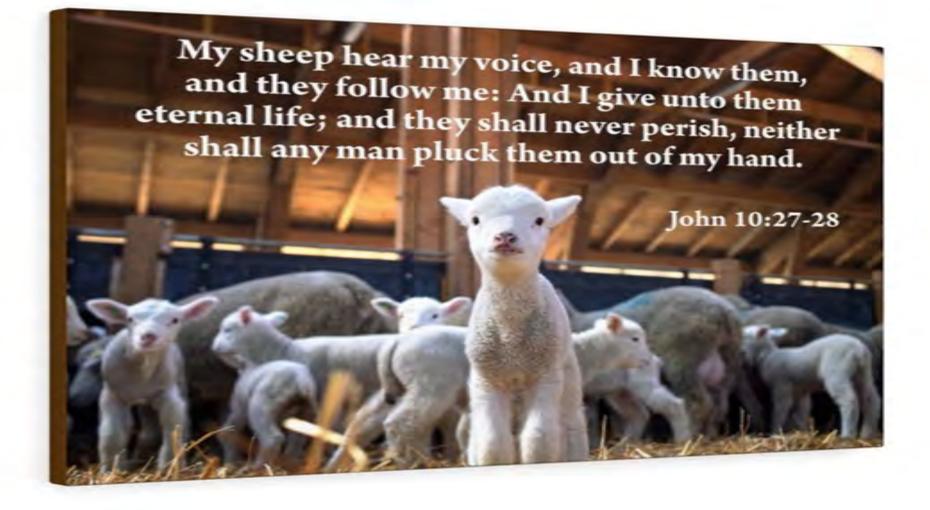
#### How do I know I really am a Christ follower?

Jesus tells us it is all about the hearing/following test

"My sheep <u>hear</u> My voice, and I know them, and they <u>follow</u> Me." <u>John 10: 27</u>

Do you hear the voice of Jesus above the siren cry of the world?

Are you following Jesus?



#### <u>Verse 5 - 7</u>

## Saints are obedient to the faith / Called to be different

When God saves us, we are saved to <u>OBEY</u> Him! That's different!

The called of Christ are called to be <u>SAINTS</u>, set apart *That's different!* 

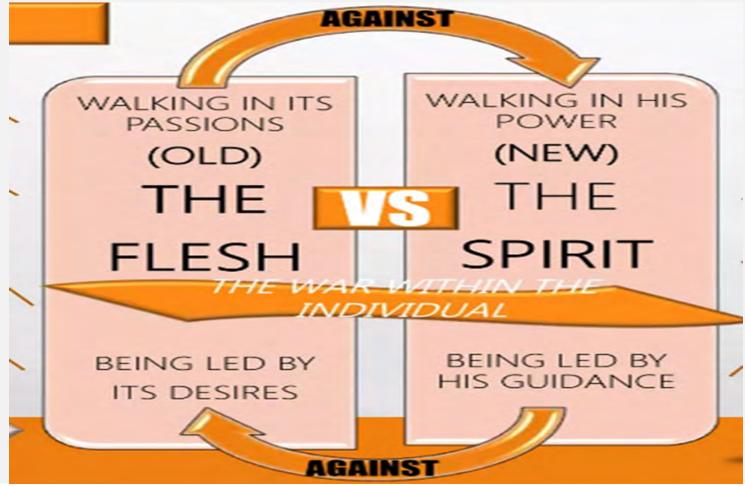
#### <u>SAINTS, THINK</u>:

Our flesh desires to walk in concert with Satan and his world system - *That's normal!* 

Whenever you have a flesh attack, you are walking in concert with your former master, Satan!

God's desire for His people is to be Spirit-led controlled <u>NOT</u> flesh controlled!!

#### The Spirit / Flesh battle is daily, ongoing, moment-by-moment, battle! A <u>WAR</u>!



God has told the <u>SAINTS</u> how to overcome the flesh <u>Galatians 5: 16-17 & 24</u> What you feed, **Gl'OWS.** 

What you starve, dies.

#### <u>Flesh vs Spirit</u>

The one you feed will dominate your life

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**Feed your Spirit** 

It takes work to overcome a world system immersed in the flesh

Time with God is a must!

Time in His Word ....

Time with His people .....

Time in prayer . . . .

<u>A MUST</u>!!

#### <u>CLOSING THOUGHTS</u>: SAINTS ARE CALLED TO BE DIFFERENT

**SAINTS** are to live with the peace of God ...... *that's DIFFERENT!* 

As the world implodes, we do not implode ...... *that's DIFFERENT!* 

God's peace, *Christ's peace*, is available to every **SAINT** that taps into God's peace promise (verse 7)

There is no peace <u>from</u> God until there is peace <u>with</u> God!! <u>Peace</u> = untroubled, undisturbed, wellbeing; <u>NOT</u> freedom from stress, anxiety, irritation, or the crushing's of life

> Real peace is available to all believers Peace is found in the presence of God!

**Practice the presence of God. How?** 

**Meditate on His Word** 

Speak His Word to your soul!

Sing melodiously to your troubled spirit songs of God

Allow into your ear and eye gates only things that bring you closer to God

Get to the point where God enters, and all other thoughts fade away!

## Jesus knows you will go through the storms of life When the storms come, *don't panic! <u>PRAY</u>!!*



## In the midst of it all, there is <u>JESUS</u>!

## <u>JESUS</u> is our peace place!

## SAINTS, we are called to be DIFFERENT!

## We <u>can</u> live with peace!

## CHOOSE PEACE!!

