

## **SAINTS BY CALLING**

In our last study, we covered the doctrine of “Sanctified in Christ” from (1 Cor.1:1-3). We learned that every church age believer (CAB) receives Sanctification, by God’s grace, at the moment of salvation by faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ (**1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9/ gospel of grace salvation**).

**(Heb.12:14) “Without sanctification (hagiasmos/Greek noun) which no one shall see (horao/ f.m.ind.3ps/ Eph.1:18) the Lord.”**

**This lesson will study five aspects of what meant by “Saints by Calling”(1 Cor.1:2).**

### **1. The Greek verb for sanctified is hagiozo (set aside or separated unto the holiness of God).**

The Greek adjective for saint is hagios (separated **from** sin in Adam **to** made holy (hagios/ saint) in Christ). (1 Cor.1:2; 15:22)

- **A saint is one** who has been sanctified in Christ by faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- **A saint is one** who has been made holy by the body and blood of Jesus Christ and
- **A saint is one** who has been made holy by the Baptism of The Holy Spirit

(Heb.9:12-15; 10:10-14; 2 Thess.2:13-14; 1 Pet.1:2, 19-21).

(2 Thess.2:13b) “God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.”

### **2. Sanctification is being saved from something preventing God’s holiness to be part of your life to something preserving God’s holiness as part of your life, in Christ.**

“For in Adam all die (spiritual), so also in Christ all will be made alive (spiritual).” (1 Cor.15:22)

**IN ADAM (all)**

**IN CHRIST (all)**

**Sinner**

**Saint**

**(Col.1:13-14; Acts 26:18)**

**3. Every church age believer (CAB) is called a Saint (holy one/ hagios) based on Positional Sanctification.**

(1 Cor.1:2b) “**To those who have been sanctified (hagiazō/ perf.p.ptc) in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.**”

(1 Cor.6:11) “Such were some of you; **but you were washed** (apolouo) (Acts 22:16) (cleanse) (Heb.9:14-15; 1 John 1:7) **but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name** of the Lord Jesus Christ **and in the Spirit** of our God.” (Rom.15:16)

(Heb.13:12) “Therefore, Jesus also, **that He might sanctify the people through His own blood,** suffered outside the gate.”

**4. Sainthood is not an attainment or an achievement before or after salvation. It is not based on merit or works but on the grace of God through faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Sainthood is 1 of [20 status privileges](#) of Positional Sanctification - “**Once a saint in Christ, always a saint in Christ.**” (1 Cor.1:2)

There are three phases of sanctification for the Christian way of life (CWL).

- **Phase I Positional Sanctification (salvation)**
  - Every believer is equal in Christ (1 Cor.12:13; Gal.3:28)
- **Phase II Progressive Sanctification (the Christian way of life) (CWL)**
  - Every believer has same indwelling of Holy Spirit (Rom.12:1; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; Acts 20:32; Eph.4:11-13).
- **Phase III Permanent Sanctification (believer in heaven)**
  - Every believer is present with Lord (2 Cor.5:6-8; Jude 24-25; 2 Thess.1:10-12; 1 Thess.3:13).

**5. Phase II, or Progressive Sanctification, is the believer living the Christian way of life by means of the indwelling power of The Holy Spirit (Gal.5:16-17).**

It is the Holy Spirit that empowers the believer to live a holy life (phase II - Progressive Sanctification).

At the moment of salvation, the Holy Spirit takes up residence inside the church age believer’s body; and church age believer’s body becomes the holy temple of God (1 Cor.3:1-3, 16-17; 6:11-13, 18-20).

The church age believer is **commanded to walk** by means of the Indwelling Holy Spirit (peripateo/ p.a.impv.2pl) (Gal.5:16-17).

(2 Tim.2:21) “Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself (1 John 1:9) from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, **sanctified (phase II)**, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.” (1 Pet.1:15; James 1:14-15)

(1 Pet.3:15) “**But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts (phase II), always being ready** to make a defense to everyone who asks you **to give an account for the hope that is in you,** yet with gentleness and reverence.” (2 Pet.3:11)