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## You may be a saint

Who are the saints? One religion declares that *Saints* are the few special followers of their creed who after they have died are made a “saint” by a proclamation of their church. But this idea is not what God's Word tells us about His saints.

The Holy Scriptures tell us that “The Saints” are all of God's believing people whom He has redeemed unto salvation by the blood of Christ shed upon the Cross. This means those believers of the Old Testament who were looking forward to The Savior's Cross and those believers of the New Testament who look back at the Cross of our Savior – are the real Saints.

Many Old Testament saints were also resurrected at the time of Jesus' resurrection and walked the city of Jerusalem. “*And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose,*” (Matthew 27:52,53) These were those who had believed many generations before Jesus' time , and they are called “the saints”.

Likewise, Christian believers are called *saints* in the Bible. “*And it came to pass, as Peter passed throughout all quarters, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.*” (Acts 9:32)

But just because God calls us His saints it does not mean that we are exempt from the trials that face us in the “here and now” on Earth. On the contrary, we are in a battle to stand firm in the Word in a world adverse to God's love and truth and thus we need to help each other as the saints surely do have weaknesses in “needs” affecting our lives. “*Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love – distributing to the necessity of the saints --*” (Romans 12:10-12) One reason we are to care for the saints' needs and necessities is because it was prophesied that the saints would be persecuted by the world system. “*I beheld, and the same horn (wicked ruler) made war with the saints, and prevailed against them, until the Ancient of Days came and judgment was given to the saints.*” (Daniel 7:21,25,26)

A saint's duty is to earnestly contend for the Faith (Jude 3), constantly pray for his brother and sister saints (Ephesians 6:18), minister to other saints by attending to their spiritual and temporal needs (Hebrews 6:10); learn from elders to grow spiritually (Ephesians 4:11,12); keep a lifestyle that does not reflect evil (Ephesians 5:3), become judicial officials to judge matters between the believers so they don't have to resort to world courts (I Corinthians 6:1,2).

When the saints become focused upon their calling and duties God Almighty takes keen notice of them. Of those who wear the badge of *saint* right now God says they are precious in His sight all the way to their dying day (Psalm 116:15), and that He will not forsake them (Psalm 37:28). So valued is the life of the living saint in this age that God has given the Holy Spirit to him to intercede between them, between the man saint and God Himself, that is. (Romans 8:27). In the day of judgment to come upon the Earth God has promised to be glorified in His saints (II Thessalonians 1:10) and guard even the feet of His saints.(I Sam.2:9)