

Developing a New You: Sainthood

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Text: *Ephesians 2:19 (NRSV); 1 Corinthians 1:2-3 (NRSV)*

Wrong Ideas of Sainthood

- What words are you _____?
- Lie #1: _____.
- Lie #2: _____.

The Tension of Sainthood

- The _____ makes us uncomfortable.
- Declared righteous but not made _____.

The Lifestyle of Sainthood

- Saints are _____ with sin.
- Saints live with confidence in _____.
- Saints live _____ toward others.
- Saints are people of _____.

Life Enrichment

What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- If we had to be graded by the church's system of sainthood, how many of us would be considered saints?
- What does the formal system of qualifying saints do to the mindset of "average" Christians?
- What are the Bible's qualifications for sainthood? How does this help us see ourselves as saints?
- Why do you think we are so uncomfortable with the label saint? What labels are we more comfortable with and why?
- How does knowing that God calls us saints help us relate to Him and live for Him?
- This week's teaching provided us with four characteristics of the sainthood lifestyle. Which of the four do you need to improve? How do you plan on improving?
- How will knowing that all Christ-followers are saints affect the way you look at, speak to, and treat other believers? How will it affect the way you relate to the unredeemed?