



The Sanctity of The Saints

Including Deacons

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The sanctity (set apartness) of God and people

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule ...

Psalm 8:1 O Lord, our Lord, How majestic is Thy name in all the earth, Who hast displayed Thy splendor above the heavens!...

...³ When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers, The moon and the stars, which Thou hast ordained;

⁴ What is man, that Thou dost take thought of him? And the son of man, that Thou dost care for him?

⁵ Yet Thou hast made him a little lower than God, And dost crown him with glory and majesty!

⁶ Thou dost make him to rule over the works of Thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet ...

...⁹ O LORD, our Lord, How majestic is Thy name in all the earth!

The sanctity of the saints (the set apart people)

1 Corinthians 1:1 Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,
² to the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours

What are the saints (set apart people) set apart to do?

We are set apart to worship

1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen

² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit...

1 Peter 2:9 ...you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...

We are set apart to witness through persecution (we studied this last Sunday)

2 Timothy 1:8 ...Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner; but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,

⁹ who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity... (see also **Matthew 10:18**).

We are set apart to serve

Philippians 1:1 Paul and Timothy, bond-servants of Christ Jesus, to all the **saints** in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons:

Philippians 2:5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped,
⁷ but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, *and* being made in the likeness of men.
⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth,
¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
¹² So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling;
¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for *His* good pleasure.

Deacons are a gift to us as example servants

1 Timothy 3:8 Deacons likewise *must be* men of dignity,

not double-tongued,

or addicted to much wine

or fond of sordid gain,

⁹ *but* holding to the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience.

¹⁰ And let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons if they are beyond reproach.

¹¹ Women *must* likewise *be* dignified,

not malicious gossips,

but temperate,

faithful in all things.

¹² Let deacons be husbands of *only* one wife,

and good managers of *their* children and their own households.

¹³ For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a high standing and great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long;

¹⁵ but in case I am delayed, *I write* so that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

¹⁶ And by common confession great is the mystery of godliness: He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Beheld by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory.