



# *Devotional Study Guide Journal*



March 25<sup>th</sup>

## ***I Am Holy***

Today I woke up so thankful that I am holy, not because of anything I do (which would obviously NEVER be enough), but because of the blood of Jesus. But not all Christians have this confidence.

We were attending a new church and met the most lovely people there. They were so warm and welcoming and invited us into their homes for fellowship as if we were family. It was a lovely experience.

One lady was so welcoming to me personally and we became friends quite easily. While talking to her one day, I addressed her as, “Saint Carol.”

She replied so sincerely and honestly, “Oh, I’m no saint.”

“Yes, you are,” I insisted while she continued to give me that look that meant I was off my rocker. I explained to her that all Christians are saints and pointed out to her that the Bible repeatedly calls believers in Jesus, saints. It isn’t something earned but given. Here is just one example of many.

### ***1 Corinthians 1:2***

*To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours*

Interestingly, the word “sanctified” and “saints” above come from the same root word, ἅγιος, (hagios). So the above could read,

“To those who are holy in Christ Jesus, called to be holy ones.”

Those who have studied 1 Corinthians know that Paul addresses multiple aspects of their lives that needed improvement—behavior that could not be categorized as “holy.” Except for Galatians, it is probably one of the most pointed letters of correction. So, in our way of thinking, we might say, “They were neither saints nor holy.” But right from the start of Paul’s letter to them, he addressed them as “holy ones” and called them “holy.”

What about you and I?

*Can we say this out loud with confidence?*

**“I am a saint!”**  
How about this?  
**“I am holy”.**

Many Christians would buckle at making such claims, but actually to say less is to deny what Jesus accomplished in us on the cross where He died. When we say we are holy or holy ones, we affirm one of His most glorious accomplishments for us. As you read this passage, remember “sanctify” mean holy.

**Hebrews 10:8-14 KJV**

*Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; <sup>9</sup>Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. <sup>10</sup>By the which will we **are sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all**.*

*<sup>11</sup>And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: <sup>12</sup>But this man, after he had offered **one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down on the right hand of God; <sup>13</sup>From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. <sup>14</sup>**For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.***

When we believe in Jesus, we who were sinners are sanctified—made holy. This took place on the cross and was a final sacrifice for sin for all time.

One might argue saying, “Well the Bible says that without holiness no one will see the Lord,” and this is the point exactly. But just like the erring Corinthians, it doesn’t mean if our lives are not perfect, we might go to hell. It means that if you are not born again and receive this gift of holiness, you will not see Him.

Miraculously, this gift of holiness brings about the fruit of holiness. BECAUSE we have been made holy, not IN ORDER to be made holy, we live a life of holiness. This is part of the “rest” Jesus promised.

Think about it...just what is it exactly that YOU could do to MAKE yourself holy? The blood of bulls and goats were not enough and neither is yours. No, we simply receive this gift. My friend, if you are a believer, you **are** right now, holy. You **are** a saint. No one could possibly boast about this because we had nothing to do with it. Can you say it?