

“A Handbook on Sainthood”

pt. 32 — Philippians 4:20-23

To Live is Christ

INTRODUCTION

- the lure of friendship with the world

“It’s very easy for us, as evangelical Christians...to settle for that which is low on substance but high on succulence...”
— Tony Evans

- what a conclusion! ...for His glory, by His grace

1. The definition of a saint

- a. biblically what a “saint” *is not*

- b. biblically what a “saint” *is*

Phil. 4:21-22; 1 Cor. 1:2

- separated from sin, unto God
- my **position** before God (*monergistic*)

2. The description of a saint

- my **practice** before God (*synergistic*)
1 Cor. 3:9; Phil. 2:13; 1 Pet. 1:13-16

- a. negatively...

- removing actions, attitudes, motivations, character qualities foreign to God
2 Cor. 7:1; Col. 3:5

Mt. 5:28-29

- “putting off”

- b. positively...

- “putting on”

Col. 3:12-14

- a conscious, intentional imitation of Christ
Phil. 4:8-9

3. The demand on a saint

- sanctification is not optional

1 Cor. 1:2; Rom. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:2

Gal. 5:19-22; Heb. 12:14

- sanctification is not perfection, but direction toward perfection

“Separation [from the world] is not isolation. Separation is not insulation. Separation is contact without contamination.”

— Warren Wiersbe

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