

Rock Solid

How do I practice keeping Jesus first in all things?

Matthew 28:19-20; Colossians 3:1-4

Be a GENUINE saint

- The path to becoming a saint has never altered: Active FAITH
Active Faith = BELIEF, REPENTANCE, CONFESSION
- A genuine saint is relationally IMBEDDED in Christ and personally EMPOWERED by Christ
*'For you have died and your life is **hidden** with Christ in God'*
Colossians 3:3
 - ▶ Hidden / Revealed drama = MYSTERIOUS but true
 - ▶ Hidden in a SECURE and PROTECTED location
- When you became a disciple of Jesus Christ you were TRANSFERRED into a safe and protected relational position (Col. 1:13), your name was PERMANENTLY penned into the Book of Life (Rev. 3:5), and you were INDWELLED with the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16) .
- When you gave your life to Jesus you PLEGGED to glorify Him by taking your GUIDELINES for life from Him and His Book, the BIBLE. Colossians 3:1-2
- When you gave your life to Jesus you gave Him permission to TRANSFORM you into what He wants it to be and SURRENDERED your life plan for His plan.
 - ▶ God is more interested in you becoming a better PERSON, than just having a better LIFE. Rom. 8:28-30

Next Week: Be a PRACTICING Saint

Auburn Grace Community Church – September 18th, 2022

Life Group Discussion Questions – September 18, 2022

Colossians 3:1-4 *"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with Him in glory."*

DISCOVER

1. What does it mean to be 'in Christ'? How do you know if you are in Christ? How does your position in Christ impact your daily life? For some, Jesus will say "I never knew you; depart from me." What can we do to ensure we never hear those words? How should we test ourselves as to whether we are surrendered to Christ?
2. What steps should a new believer take as they develop their relationship with Jesus? What inward changes are part of being a believer? If you have been a believer for some time, how do you further develop your relationship with Jesus? What gives you confidence that you are indwelt with the Holy Spirit?
3. How can practicing the works of the flesh lead us away from Christ? Has Jesus ever been in your house but locked into the closet? What have you done to realign your walk in the past when you felt it was needed?

EXPLORE

1. Read Matthew 28:19-20. What are some of the ways that we are disciplined? How do we continue to be disciplined by Christ? How have you disciplined others? Is discipling others imperative in our Christian walk?
2. Read Matthew 7:15-20. What fruit has been produced in your walk? If you are uncomfortable answering out loud, then answer quietly in silence. What fruit do you see in others that is evidence of them being part of a good tree?
3. Read Romans 8:28-30. How have you heard Romans 8:28 misused by focusing on earthly good? Explain the good that Paul is describing in verses 29 and 30?

EXPERIENCE

1. How do I live a Christo-centric life? What else competes for the center of your life? When do worldly endeavors cross the line by pulling you away from a Christ focus?
2. Have you pledged to glorify Him by how you live your life? If you took the last decade of your life, has there been more surrender and transformation or more of 'your way'? Is Jesus the supreme voice in your life? How will you practice being Christ centered this week?
3. Sitting in pews or chairs and receiving Godly teaching is something we should all thirst for. Why is it so important for us to move from receiving the Word to sharing the Word?

PRAY

Pray...God, please reveal to us those things that hold us back from allowing You to be the supreme voice in our lives. May the words "in Christ alone" echo in our hearts over and over so that we may be inspired to love our neighbors as You love us.

Action...In the coming week surrender to honoring God in your life. Memorize Colossians 3:2 and act it out with the prompting of the Holy Spirit.