



Me: A.K.A. Saint

Ephesians 5:25-27 (p.898)

Me—a saint? You’ve got to be kidding! Many of the world’s religions give special status to those who live a life of almost perfect virtue. Even as Christians we often think of saints as the exceptionally good—“high octane”—believers.

*“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus.”
Ephesians 1:1 (NIV)*

*“This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I am writing to God’s holy people in Ephesus, who are faithful followers of Christ Jesus.”
Ephesians 1:1*

“Holy is the way God is. To be holy He does not conform to a standard. He is that standard. He is absolutely holy with an infinite, incomprehensible fullness of purity. . . whatever we think of as belonging to God must be thought of as holy.” A.W. Tozer (*Knowledge of the Holy*)

Why are we considered saints? What is it that qualifies us to be “holy ones”?

We are saints. . .

1. Because Christ **loves** us.

“ . . . just as Christ loved the church.” Ephesians 5:25 (p.898)

2. Because Christ **sacrificed His life** for us.

“He gave up his life for her . . .” Ephesians 5:25

3. Because Christ has **cleaned us up**.

“ . . . to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word.” Ephesians 5:26

4. Because Christ has a **purposes** for us.

“He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.” Ephesians 5:27

“Therefore I . . . beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.” Ephesians 4:1 (p. 896)

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