

TO GO

1. Describe someone in your life who you think of as a “saint.” What makes them so according to your definition of sainthood?
2. Read several of the passages where Christians, in general, are referred to as saints (Eph 1:1; Phil 1:1; Col 1:2; 1 Cor 1:2). Given this usage of the word, how are we to understand true sainthood vs what we stereotypically think of? What does it mean to be a saint?
3. Read 2 Thessalonians 2:13–14. What does “sanctification by the Spirit” mean in this context? How does God call someone to this? How do we know from this passage that sanctification occurs at a specific point in time? At what point in your life were you sanctified?
4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19. What is the context for this passage (see 6:12–20)? How was the body being abused by the people of Corinth?
5. What does it mean that the body is a temple of the Holy Spirit? Why was this so countercultural in its context? What does this statement have to do with sexual sin? In what ways does our current culture parallel the Corinthians?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 6:15. In what ways are our bodies members of Christ? How does this teach us about the severity of sexual sin? What about sexual sin makes it so destructive?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 6:20. What was the price for your purchase and why is that significant? What is the believer purchased into? What about a Jewish understanding of this concept helps us to make sense of Paul’s direction? Why is it so tempting to superimpose a Greek/Western understanding of freedom onto this passage (consider the sexual revolution of the 1960s)?
8. How can you glorify God with your body today? Read Romans 12:1–2. What does the process of sanctification look like for a believer? In what ways is God calling you to be transformed in increasing measure according to his likeness? Ask God to supply the power necessary for the transformation and for the courage and self-control to join Him in the process.