

Galatians 5:16-18

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My ID in Christ



“saints” means...

holy ones or
set apart ones



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My ID as a Saint

“To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, **called to be saints together** with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours.”

1 Corinthians 1:2

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1.

**The Context explains
the passion.**



**Why don't I feel and
act more saintly?**

“But you are a **chosen race**, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

1 Peter 2:9

“flesh” points to...

humanity energized
by this world



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“Spirit” points to...

our new life
energized by the
Holy Spirit



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Two Essential Truths

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- Saints are *new creatures with new features.*
- The 'old nature' of a saint has been *crucified.*



2. **The Command** encourages
our steps.



**Why don't I feel and
act more saintly?**

**“But I say, walk by the Spirit,
and you will not gratify the
desires of the flesh.”**

Galatians 5:16

“walk by the Spirit”

a Hebraism for
how we should live
in the Spirit each day



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3.

The Conflict explains our experience.



**Why don't I feel and
act more saintly?**

“For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.”

Galatians 5:17

The Conflict Explained

“And not only the creation, but we ourselves,
who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,
groan inwardly
as we wait eagerly for adoption,
the redemption of our bodies.”

Romans 8:23

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4.

**The Concern exemplifies
God's care.**



**Why don't I feel and
act more saintly?**

“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ,
and make no provision for the
flesh, to gratify its desires.”

Romans 13:14

The Reality of God's Care

**“Because of what the Son has done,
we have been set free.**

**Because of Him,
all of our sins have been forgiven.”**

Colossians 1:14

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