



*Why Saints*  
**Born Again Believers**

*Sin*

- ❖ Free in Jesus from sin's power — forgiven and perfect by the blood of Jesus — Holy — Righteous.
- ❖ No sin nature (righteous conscience) — free to do God's will and not sin or to sin. The Lord's grace is working.
- ❖ Believers' desire and will to not sin and to do God's will. When we live after God's new spirit, not desiring the old self.
- ❖ New spirit controls life by the Holy Spirit. Mind of Christ and body is temple of Holy Spirit. Keep commandments.
- ❖ New spirit is holy, perfect and cannot sin — born again of incorruptible seed (the Lord).

- ❖ When a saint sins, it is an exception, not the norm (as for a sinner-unbeliever who can only sin.) A saint lives by faith and is righteous.
- ❖ A true believer will not and cannot willfully, knowingly continue to practice sin. But will faithfully acknowledge their sin and receive the Lord's forgiveness because of the blood of Jesus and cleansing of that sin, so they will be back in fellowship with the Lord and be holy again.
- ❖ For a believer to sin, the devil has to resurrect (temptations) the desire to do something to cause the believer to focus on self rather than the Lord — fear for life, works of flesh, etc.
- ❖ Sin (separation from Lord) occurs when the mind is not renewed by God's Word, ignorance of Word, self-desires, mind and body are not daily subjected to spirit, not sober and vigilant (actively aware) of what is going on within and around.
- ❖ Not seeing and pursuing what the Lord wants and how He wants to do it. Yielding to the desires, pressures and temptations of the flesh, rather than walking in the spirit. Need to take authority over sin and temptation.
- ❖ Forgetting who you are in Christ Jesus and who is your Lord.