

7. **Saints Are Individual Church Members** (1 Cor 12:27) “*Ye are the _____ of Christ, and _____ in _____.*” Yet, (V20) “*now are they _____ members, yet but _____ body.*” Jesus (Col 1:18) “*is the _____ of the body, the _____.*” Every member, regardless if they be elders, preachers, deacons, teachers, or whatever, is a saint.
8. **A Misconception Nearly 2,000 Years Old** You may have heard some talk of a “Five-Fold Ministry,” of there being “Apostles” and “prophets” in the modern-day NT Church. Yes (1 Cor 12:28) does say that “*God hath set _____ in the church, first _____, secondarily _____, thirdly teachers, after that _____, then gifts of _____, helps, governments, diversities of _____,*” etc. **Note:** Consider the context. This was true in the formative years of the NT Church. The Apostles from Pentecost (Acts 2) onward were most certainly church members, and in the church until they died. The same was true of Holy Spirit endowed prophets, teachers, and early Christians possessing spiritual gifts given (Acts 8:18) “*through _____ of the apostles' _____.*”
9. **More** (Eph 4:11) is a parallel scripture: “*He gave some, _____; and some, _____; and some, evangelists; and some, _____ and teachers.*” Now, keep reading (V12) to learn why: (V12) “*For the _____ of the saints, for the work of the _____, for the _____ of the _____ of Christ.*” Remember this was in the 1st Century. The purpose of the “officers” with miraculous endowments: (V13) “*Till we all come in the _____ of the _____, and of the _____ of the Son of God, unto a _____ man, unto the measure of the _____ of the _____ of Christ.*” **This was temporary to confirm the NT Church in its infancy.**
10. **Saints Set The Standard** Did not Paul write (Eph 3:10) that God’s plan was that it “*might be known _____ the manifold wisdom of God*”? If Christians don’t “go preach it and tell it,” who will? That’s why he asked (1 Cor 6:2), “*Do ye not know that the _____ shall _____ the world?*” That’s why Jesus said (Mt 5:16), “*Let your light _____ before men, that they may _____ your _____ works, and _____ your Father which is in heaven.*”
11. **The Churches Of The Saints** You should know that the word “*churches*” is always used in the NT in the local sense. Paul, speaking to the Corinthians in the 1st Century about spiritual gifts and assemblies (chapters 12-14), said (14:33) that “*God is not the _____ of _____, but of _____, as in all _____ of the saints.*” This consolidates a point made earlier that the organization of the NT Church consists of a foundation comprised of *saints* and every member is a *saint*. They are (1 Cor 1:2) “*_____ in Christ Jesus, _____ to be saints.*”
12. **Where Did The Notion Originate?** The Catholic Church and others believe the membership of the church is divided into the *clergy* and the *laity*, each with very different privileges. They also pick out a teensy handful of their age-honored members and exalt them to be “*saints*.” When the gentiles were clearly accepted into Christianity, Peter said (Acts 15:9) that God “*put no _____ between us and them, _____ their hearts by _____.*” Jesus said (Rev 22:12), “*my _____ is with me, to give _____ according as his work shall be.*”
13. **Saints In Light** We are to be ever grateful to God (Col 1:12) who “*hath made us meet to be _____ of the _____ of the saints in light.*” This means Christians who (1 Jn 1:7) “*walk in the _____, as he is in the _____, we have _____ one with another, and the _____ of Jesus Christ his Son _____ us from _____ sin.*” The benefit: We are (Rom 8:17) “*_____ of God, and joint-heirs with _____; if so be that we _____ with him, that we may be also _____ together.*” Christian let others see Jesus in you!
14. **Summation** Every Christian is separated from the sinful world, (2 Tim 2:21) “*sanctified, and meet for the _____ use, and _____ unto every good work.*”