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The Biblical concept of “saints” differs greatly from the concept prevailing when Halloween was called “All Saints Evening.” It is important to understand the true Biblical meaning of “saint.” One need not die before becoming a saint. In fact, a person who is not a saint when he or she dies, shall never be a saint. Such a person is unsaved and shall be lost forever.

What then is a “saint?” Scripture uses the term “saints” to describe people who have trusted Christ to save them from their sins. Christ breathes new life into their dead spirits. All true Christians are saints. In the conclusion of his letter to the Romans, the apostle Paul refers to the believers there as “saints.”

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Are you a saint, basking in the light of Christ? If not, you are still dead in your sins and without Christ as your Savior. May this Halloween become a time for you to seek Jesus Christ as Savior, or lead others to do so. He is God the Son who came to save His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). He died and rose again and is now in Heaven as the eternal priest, interceding for His saints! The writer of Hebrews contrasts this risen, eternal priest with the many deceased priests of Old Testament Scriptures.

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