

CHAPTER 2

Do You Know You Are a Saint... and Beloved?

Foundational Review

Usually you will find this section in outline form, but because our last session was an overview, here is a quick review in a few short phrases.

Over the years the Seventh-day Adventist Church has accumulated an amazing trove of spiritual and historical knowledge. But are the Seventh-day Adventists aware of who they are, what they have, what they are to do? The main question that we asked in our last chapter is: Do we know who we are? Do we know how to describe who we are? Do we know how to show who we are?

Encouraging Counsel

This seminar series builds from session to session as we move forward. If you miss a session, read the chapter and answer the discussion questions of the session that you missed. This will prepare you for the session that we are currently studying.

PLEASE – read the book chapter and fill out the Study Guide materials for each night before coming to the study session. This will make the discussion go so much smoother if you are already acquainted with topic. The Study Guide material is designed to be answered AFTER you have read the chapter.

The Beginning

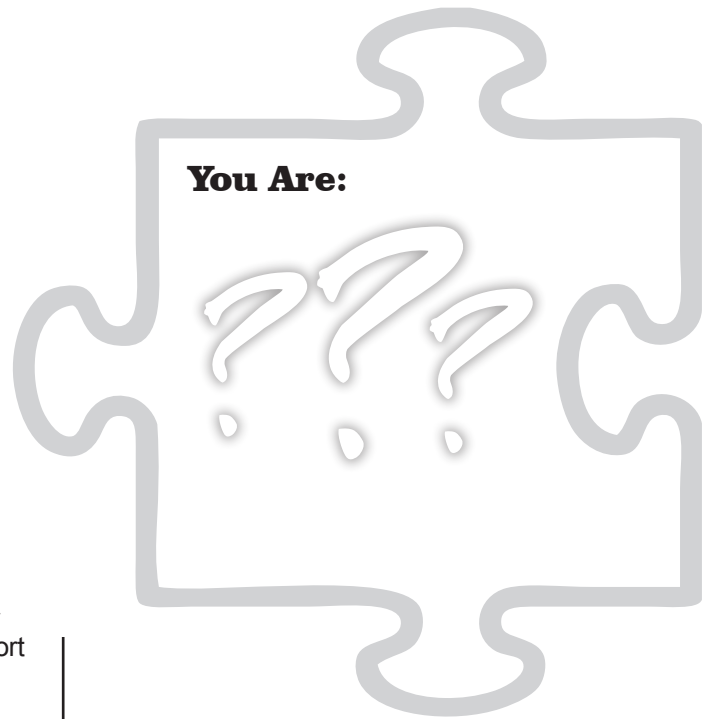
Let's start at the beginning.

QUESTION #1:

READ 1 John 4:8; John 16:27a. What is the beginning? Where does God begin? What is the one great truth about God?

QUESTION #2:

READ Dan. 7:21-22. What are saints?



QUESTION #3:

Here are two lists of characteristics that describe the Saints mentioned in the scriptures of our book chapter.

Colossians 3:12-17

Faithful
Holy
Sanctified
Set apart

I Corinthians 5:1-2; 11:18-22

Passionate
Imperfect
Sinful
Helpless

Which set of words best describes "Saints?" Why do you think so? Be careful, only One opinion counts.

THINK IT THROUGH:

Think of a person that you know who loves you. Get their name firmly in mind; close your eyes and see their face in your mind. Write a description of what it is like to be loved using these words: "intense, unreserved, sacrificial, personal."

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David and Daniel

QUESTION #1:

How are David and Daniel different?

READ:

David

1 Samuel 17:36-37 _____

1 Samuel 25:21-22 _____

1 Samuel 26:9 _____

2 Samuel 11 _____

Daniel

Daniel 2:26-28 _____

Daniel 9:1-19 _____

Ezekiel 14:14 _____

Following the verses, write down the characteristics described about each person.

SUMMARIZE:

How are David and Daniel different?

QUESTION #2:

READ Daniel 9:22-23 and I Kings 14:8. How are David and Daniel alike?

THINK IT THROUGH:

Which one are you most like, David or Daniel? Why do you think so?



A Different Person

Now let's look at another person – Jesus.

QUESTION #1:

READ Mark 1:11. Does God love Jesus? How do you know He does? (Respond only with the words of Scripture.)

Where else in Scripture is this same sentiment expressed?

QUESTION #2:

READ Mark 12:6; John 3:35. Does Jesus know He is loved?

Where else in Scripture can you find evidence that Jesus knows He is loved? Find the scriptures and write them here.

■ Summary

BIG QUESTION:

Jesus knows that He is loved. Do you know that you are loved?

QUESTION #1:

Does God love you – personally? How do you know?

QUESTION #2:

READ Romans 1:7 and Jude 1:1. Do the descriptions in these Scriptures characterize you? Is this who you are? Is this how God sees you? Is this how you see yourself?

READ John 16:26-27 – Are you loved by God?

READ Romans 8:29-30 – Are you called by God?

THINK IT THROUGH:

Considering the information in this section, are you a Saint? Why do you think so?



Take Home

Thought Question

Who initiates the love relationship between God and His saints?

When?

How?
