

SAVED TO SERVE

ACTS 9:32-43

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: Saints are those who are declared righteous before God by faith. The Israelites tried to pursue righteousness by their works instead of faith in God. (**Romans 9:30-33, fn 9:32[1st]**)

ARE THE SAINTS. In verses 32 and 41 of Acts 9 (KJV and NASV) the believers are called saints. “The Greek word is *hagios*...It is sometimes translated as *holy*, but the root meaning of it is *different*. Basically, Christians are men and women who are *different* from those who are merely people of the world ...we who are Christians are not different from others in that we are chosen for greater honor on this earth; we are different in that we are chosen for a greater service. We are saved to serve.” William Barclay, The New Daily Study Bible, The Acts of the Apostles, pp. 90, 91. (**Acts 9:32, Romans 1:5-7, fn 1:6, 7, Ephesians 2:8-10, fn 2:8-10, John 15:13-17, fn 15:15 Isaiah 41:10, fn 41:8-10**) *What is your responsibility as a “saint”?*

WAS PETER. As Peter served Jesus, the healing of Aeneas by Jesus led people to turn to the Lord. (**Acts 9:33-35, Acts 3:1-8, fn 3:6, I Corinthians 12:7-12, fn 12:12, I Corinthians 12:27-31, fn 12:31, Galatians 6:1-5, fn 6:1-3**) *How could your gift from God help people to turn to the Lord?*

WAS TABITHA, *who was always going good and helping the poor. When she died, Peter prayed and Jesus gave her earthly life back. As Peter served Jesus and this miracle became known, many people believed in the Lord. (Acts 9:36-43, fn 9:36-42, Galatians 6:9, 10, fn 6:9, 10, Hebrews 2:3, 4, fn 2:4, Acts 8:2)* *Why will your family and friends be sad when you die?*

Pray for one another’s needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?

