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ARE
YOU

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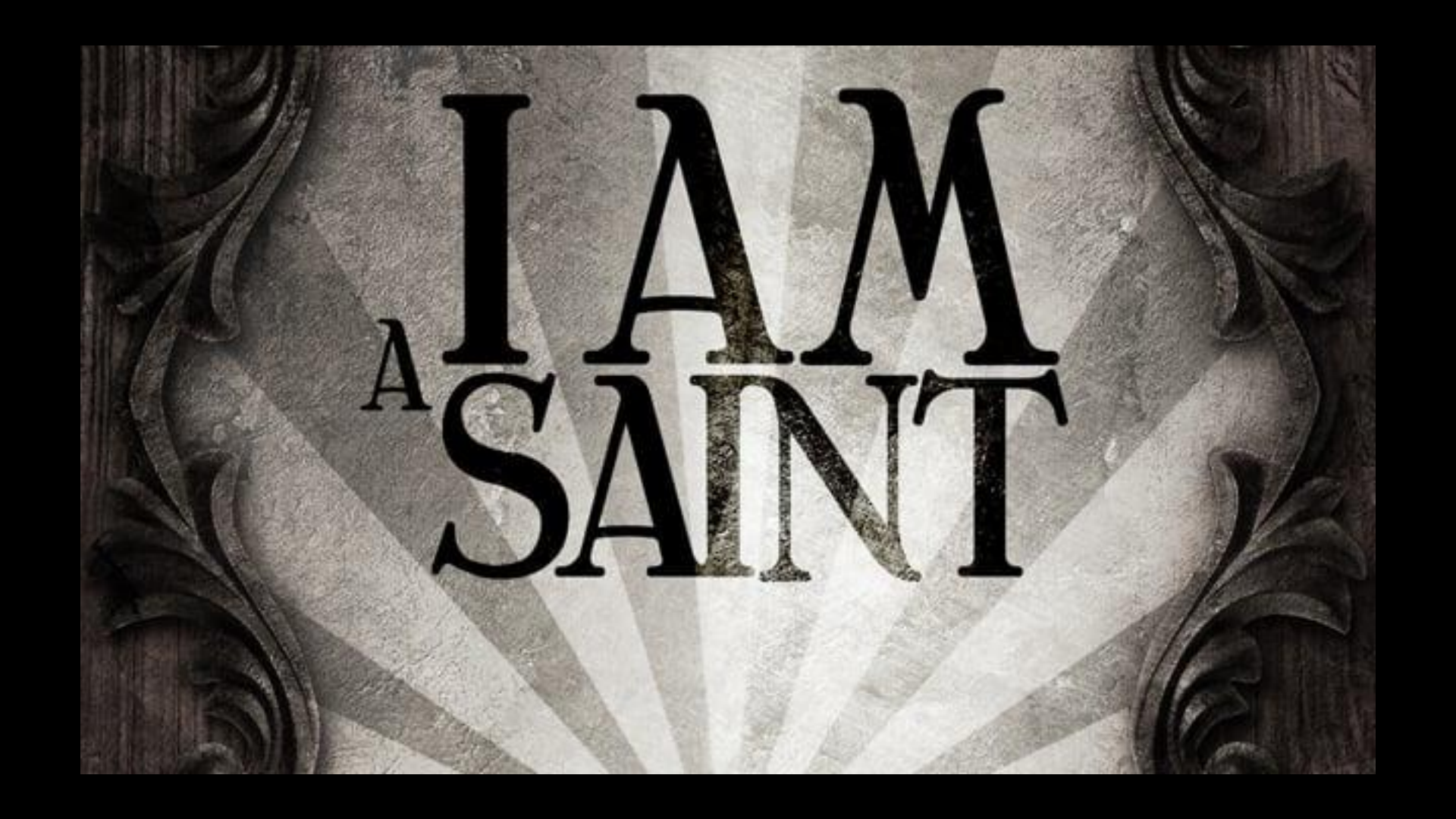
**I'M
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Every Christian Is A Saint

- Paul's greetings in his epistles often include something such as, "*To the saints ...*"
(Ephesians 1:1; Philippians 1:1, Colossians 1:2)
- He also speaks of Christians as people who are "*called to be saints.*" **(Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2)**
- Paul uses some form of the word **41** times!

I AM A Saint – God’s Own Possession

- *Saint / Sanctify / Sanctification.*
- “To separate (set apart) from profane things and dedicate to God.” **(Thayer)**
- Paul says that Christ “*gave himself for us ... to purify for himself a people for his own possession ...*” **(Titus 2:14)**
- Peter says, “*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession ...*” **(1 Peter 2:9)**
- “*You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.*” **(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)**

I AM A Saint – I Am Different

- Believers in Christ have been called to live this unique life and different lifestyle.
- ¹⁵ ... *but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,* ¹⁶ *since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”* **(1 Peter 1:15-16)**
- “We may choose a married life or a single life, but it is not left to us to choose whether or not we live a holy life.”
(Anonymous)

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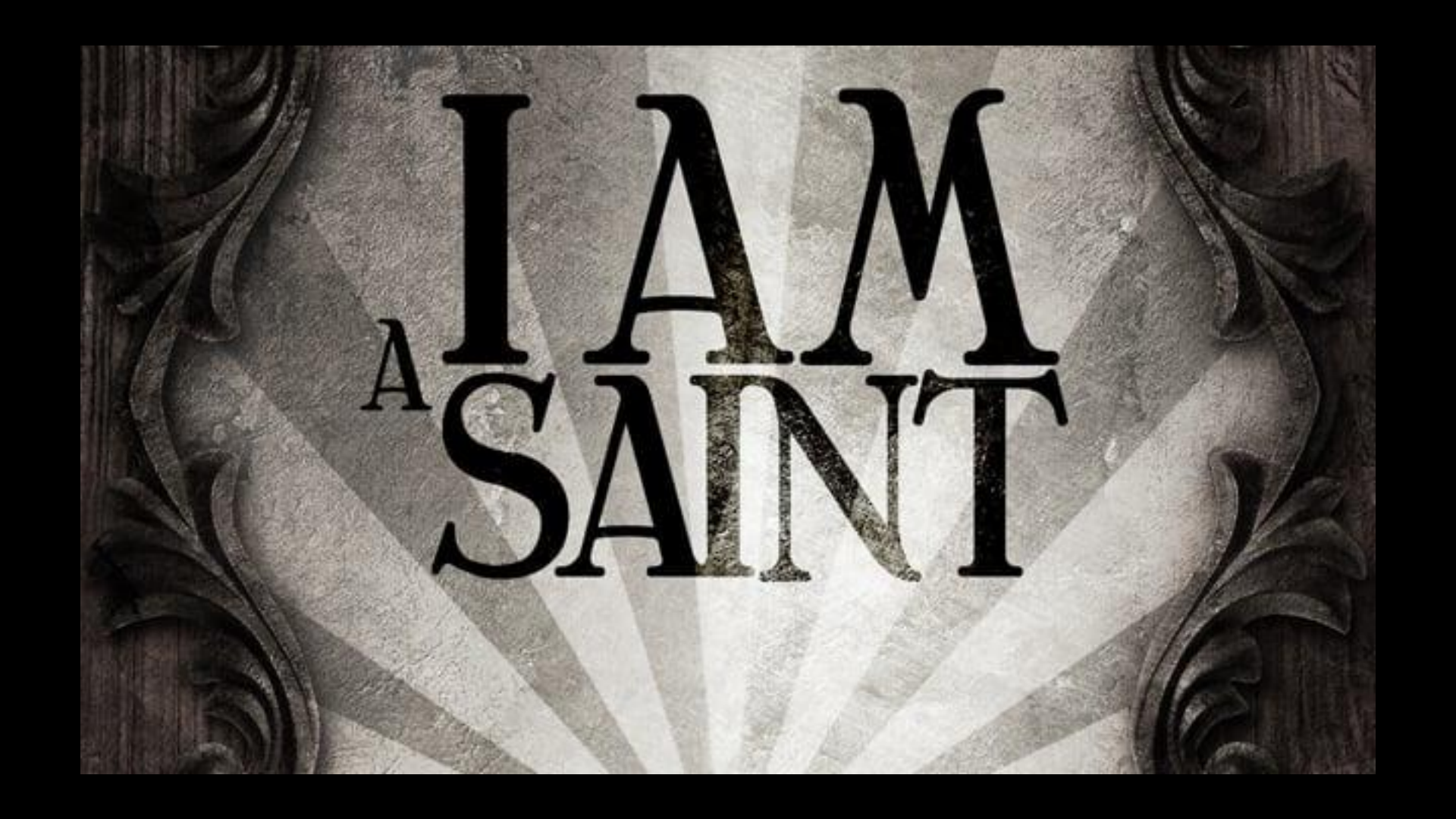
- Most people don't want to be different!
 - We value conformity;
 - We see only a caricature of holiness;
 - We misunderstand what it means to be holy.

I AM A Saint – I Am Different

- What does it really mean to be different?
 - 1) We THINK differently;
 - *“Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.” (1 Peter 1:13, NKJV)*
 - *“For as he thinks within himself, so he is ...” (Prov. 23:7, NASB)*
 - *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is acceptable and perfect.” (Rom. 12:2)*

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- What does it really mean to be different?
 - 2) We LIVE differently;
 - *“And if you all on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile.” (1 Peter 1:17)*
 - *“What you do doesn’t determine who you are; who you are determines what you do.” (Neil Anderson)*



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