

CALLED TO BE SAINTS



“To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” ~ Romans 1:7

PURPOSE

To reflect on the 2026/2027 Kingdom Seeker Verse

LEARNING

1. Who do you picture when you hear the word, 'saint'? Give a few examples.

2. What does the word 'saint' mean?

3. Some people think you have to live a perfect life to be a saint, but the Bible teaches us that this is impossible because of our sin. The good news of the gospel is that, because of Jesus, we are declared holy and set apart.

- a) What does it mean that we are justified? See Romans 3:24.

- b) How does the Catechism explain our justification in Christ? See Question & Answer 60.

- c) How does salvation show that being a saint comes from God's work, not our own effort? See Ephesians 2: 8-10.

4. Paul wrote letters to many churches. Even though these churches made sinful choices, believed wrong things, or struggled, Paul still called them saints. For each of the following churches, look up the Scripture passages and list some of their sins based on the verses. Then, find the verse in that book of the Bible where Paul called them saints. *hint* Look at the greeting.

a) Romans: What kind of sin does Paul say the Roman believers struggled with? Romans 1:23 and Romans 3: 13-14.

b) Romans: Where does Paul call them saints? Write out the verse.

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c) Corinthians: What kind of sin did the Corinthian believers struggle with? 1 Corinthians 1:11-12 and 1 Corinthians 6:1-6.

d) Where are they called saints? Write out the verse.

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e) Ephesians: What kind of sin was the Ephesian church struggling with? Ephesians 4:1-3 and Ephesians 5:3.

f) Where are they called saints? Write out the verse.

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g) Philippians: Which sins are mentioned in these verses? Philippians 2:3 and Philippians 4:2.

h) Where are they called saints? Write out the verse.

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5. There is a big difference between living as a sinner trying to become a saint (thinking you have to earn God's favour) and living as a saint who still struggles with sin (knowing your identity is already secure in Christ).

a) What does it mean that we are children of God? How does this change the way we think about our struggle with sin? Read 1 John 3:1-2 to guide your answer.

b) How does knowing Christ lives in you change how you face temptation and sin? Read Galatians 2:20 and Ephesians 6:10-20 to guide your answer.

6. Sometimes we feel sad or discouraged when we see our sin. The Bible says that Satan tries to make us despair, but God uses the truth about our sin to bring us closer to Jesus.
a) How does knowing our sin help us to see God's grace? See Romans 5:20.

b) What should we do when we realize we have sinned? How will He respond? See 1 John 1:9.

c) How can God's correction help us grow instead of make us feel hopeless? See Hebrews 12:5-11

7. As a saint, God has declared you righteous because of Jesus, but you are still growing and becoming more like Him. We are saints in Christ but we will not be perfectly holy until Jesus returns.
a) What does Paul say about being made perfect and continuing to press on in Philippians 3:12-14?

b) What will happen when Christ returns? See 1 John 3:2.

c) What has God done and what is He still doing in us? Romans 8:30

8. The Heidelberg Catechism teaches about the communion of the saints. We are connected to all believers and are not alone in our calling as saints. What does it mean to be part of the communion of saints according to Question & Answer 55?

9. At the beginning of this badge, you were asked who you think of when you hear the word 'saint'. Having nearly completed this badge, how would you now answer this question. Are YOU a saint?

APPLICATION

1. Memorize Romans 1:7
2. Together as members of the body of Christ, we are called to stand firm in the midst of our struggles. Write out the comforting words of 1 Peter 5: 9-10 below.

3. God calls you to be a saint, set apart for Him. Being a saint doesn't mean you are perfect but the Holy Spirit is at work in you, helping you grow in your thoughts, words, and actions. Make a chart with the nine fruits of the Spirit (If you don't know what they are, look up Galatians 5:22-23). For each fruit, write one way you have seen it grow in your life this week. Identify real-life examples of fruit in your life. (Ex. I found joy rather than complaining about my homework assignment because I can be thankful for a Christian school to attend OR I showed love when I forgave my sibling even though they really hurt my feelings etc). Then, reflect on this chart in a short paragraph. Which fruit do you need God to grow in you right now and why? How does seeing the Spirit at work in your life remind you that you are a saint even though you still make mistakes?

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