

“Saints or Sinners”

Series: Asking for a Friend

Romans 8:1-17

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Q: Are believers sinners? Like, after we accept Christ and get baptized and are following Christ, are we still sinners or are we believers who can still sin at times in our life?

1) Sinner (vs. 5, 7, 9, 13)

2) Saint (vs. 1, 5, 6, 9, 12-17)

WHICH ONE ARE YOU?

READ AHEAD FOR NEXT WEEK: 1 Corinthians 14

Discussion Questions

ICEBREAKER: What were some childhood nicknames that you had? Which ones did you identify with? Which ones did you dislike? Why?

Read Romans 8:1-17.

- 1) Which do you identify yourself as most; Sinner, or Saint? Why?
- 2) Define Sinner in your own words.
- 3) Define Saint in your own words.
- 4) As you look at Romans 8, highlight or underline how Paul describes sinners.
- 5) What is the spiritual status of sinners with God according to our passage?
- 6) What about those who live according to the Spirit, how does Paul describe them?
- 7) Why do you suppose he speaks more about those who walk according to the Spirit than ones who follow the flesh?
- 8) What does it mean to set one's mind on things of the Spirit?
- 9) How do we put our misdeeds to death?
- 10) How does our adoption as God's children remove fear?
- 11) Looking at this passage, how has your understanding of your identity been changed or challenged?
- 12) Would you now identify as a Sinner or a Saint? Why?
- 13) How can we pray for you this week?