

What I Think About God – Week 6 – 6-23-24 – Pastor Rob

1. What would your friends and family say about you if someone asked them to describe you?
2. What do you think that God would say about you?
3. Do you think of yourself as more of a saint or a sinner?

Romans 1:7 - 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.

1 Corinthians 1:2 - To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours.

Philippians 1:1 - Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons

Colossians 1:2 - To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

4. In the Bible all Christians are called 'saints' or 'holy ones'. What do you think about this?
5. Have you ever thought of yourself as a saint or holy?
6. If as believer's in Jesus we are saints, why do we still struggle with sin?

Isaiah 59:2 - But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

2 Corinthians 2:17-21 - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

7. What do these verses say about our sin?
8. Why is reconciliation so important?
9. Why, if we are saints, new creations, and the righteousness of God, do we still sin?

Galatians 5:16 - So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

10. How does Galatians 5:16 tell us to avoid sin?
11. How do we walk by the Spirit, or listen to the Holy Spirit?
12. When was the last time you heard from the Holy Spirit? What did he say and how did you respond?
13. We grow as followers of Jesus when we do what Jesus asks us to do. Fox River has identified 4 areas that God asks us to follow Him in (below). How are you doing in each of these areas?
 - Gathering together with other Christians (Hebrews 10:25, Acts 2:42)
 - Growing in our relations with Him through spiritual disciplines
 - Giving generously of our time, talents & treasure
 - Going into the world to show love and share Jesus
14. What change do you need to make to follow Jesus in one of these areas above?