

GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

Saints and Sinners

Speaker: Pastor Alan Brooks

Main Passage: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Other Passages Referenced:

- 2 Corinthians 5:7
- 1 Corinthians 1:2
- Philippians 1:1
- Romans 1:7
- Ephesians 1:1
- Colossians 1:2

💡 Highlighted Scriptures

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (KJV)

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

2 Corinthians 5:7 (KJV)

"(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)"

Summary

Alan delivers a powerful devotional examining how believers are often quick to label themselves "sinners," even after being saved by Christ. Drawing from his own experience and referencing the Apostle Paul's letters, Alan emphasizes that Scripture consistently refers to believers as "saints," not sinners. The key message is transformation: we were once lost, but now we are washed, sanctified, and justified. This new identity calls us to see ourselves through God's eyes—not our own—and to live in the freedom and calling that comes with being made new in Christ.

Discussion Questions

- 1. Before this teaching, did you consider yourself a sinner or a saint?
- 2. What categorizes the life of a sinner? What categorizes the life of a saint?
- 3. How is it hard for you to see yourself the way God sees you?
- 4. Do you see the importance of seeing yourself through God's eyes and not your own?
- 5. How does knowing you are one of God's "holy ones"—a saint—change your perspective on how you live your life?

Reflection Challenge

This week, meditate on 1 Corinthians 6:11 and 2 Corinthians 5:7. Write down ways you've seen God transform your identity. Ask Him to help you fully embrace the reality of being washed, sanctified, and called a saint.

🙏 Prayer Prompt

Lord, thank You that I'm not defined by my past or my mistakes. Help me to walk by faith, not by sight, and to see myself as You do—a saint, made new through Christ. Give me boldness to live out that identity every day. Amen.