

WORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

GOD'S PATIENCE AND KINDNESS LEADS PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE. ROMANS 2:4

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Saint or Sinner?

I'm just a sinner saved by grace...

We've all heard it.
We've probably all said it.

But, is it really true?
Are we *really* just sinners saved by grace?

The apostles of old, the fathers of our faith, the men who walked alongside Jesus here on Earth or met Him shortly after His resurrection, how did they address their fellow believers?

To the sinners who are in Ephesus?
To all the sinners in the provinces of Pontus?
To the sinners in Corinth, those called to be sinners in Christ Jesus?

No! Read it that way and it sounds not just strange, but ludicrous!

No, they didn't refer to their fellows believers as sinners. They referred to them as saints.

Why? Because that's who they were. And that's who you are!

You are a saint...right now. Not some day, maybe, if you do enough really great stuff here on Earth.

No. You are a saint. Right now. *That's* your identity!

When you accepted Christ's free gift of salvation, you became a saint. Dead to sin and alive in Him.

Oh my friend, you are no longer a sinner. You've been made a saint...by Jesus Christ Himself!

Now, how can you call yourself otherwise?

To all the saints who are in Christ Jesus at Philippi.
from Philippians 1:1

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As for you, you *were* dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you *used* to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air...but because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, *made* us alive with Christ.
from Ephesians 2:1-5

We know that our old sinful selves were *crucified* with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are *no longer* slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were *set free* from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with Him...so you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.
from Romans 6:6-11

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.
Ephesians 2:8-9

Dates & Times to Remember

Community Prayer Walk

Not yet been on a prayer walk? This Saturday, April 11, is the day to come!
Contact Dawn for all the info!
April 11 / 9:30am

Basics of Cooking

Want to learn more about cooking and kitchen upkeep?
Our next Basics of Cooking Class is this Saturday, April 11.
Contact Janine for all the info!
April 11 / 10am

3rd Sunday Fun Day

Our 3rd Sunday Fun Days are back! Kidz in preschool through grade 6 will enjoy fun and games outside every 3rd Sunday of the month!
Contact Susie for all the info!
April 19 / 10:20am

Other Information

Candlelight Prayer House: Progress is continuing again! Check out [pictures and videos](#).