

DISCUSSION GUIDE

SAINTS IN CHRIST
Colossians — Week 2

ICEBREAKER: What brings a tear to your eye?

OVERVIEW: When people think of a “saint,” they usually think of someone who is uncommonly holy and spiritual — the best of the best among Christians. Yet the Bible calls all Christians saints. If you are a Christian, then you are a saint. If you are not a saint, then you are not a Christian. This week we are studying what it means to be a saint, and how we can grow in saintliness.

1. Read Colossians 1:1-2. What insight, principle, or observation from this week-end’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. Can you describe the process of sainthood in the Roman Catholic Church?
3. How do the saints in Colossae differ from Roman Catholic saints?
4. The word “saint” means “holy one,” or one who is set apart for a special purpose. How are Christians set apart?
5. Read 1 Peter 1:15-16. What does it look like for a Christian to grow more saintly?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 7:1. Why should we be motivated to pursue holiness?
7. Read 2 Corinthians 6:16-18. What are the promises to us that motivate us to pursue holiness?
8. Read Romans 12:1. What does holiness have to do with worship?
9. What steps can a Christian take to grow in holiness (saintliness)?
10. Are you a saint? Explain.

The Last Word: “People do not become holy by wishful thinking. There must be study, consideration, deliberation, and sincere inquiry, or the way of truth will be missed.”
Charles Spurgeon