

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP I

Text: Philippians 1

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### THE UPWARD CALL OF GOD: "Saints in Christ Jesus"

#### 1. How does God regard those who are in Christ Jesus?

#### 2. A short list:-

- a) Children of God      John 1:12
- b) Brethren of the Lord Jesus Christ      Hebrews 2:11-12
- c) Fellow citizens      Ephesians 2:19
- d) Members of the household of God      Ephesians 2:19
- e) Saints      Ephesians 2:9; Philippians 1:1b

#### 3. The Concept of "saints"

- a) Lexical meaning: "holy"
- b) Theological significance:
  - i) We are holy in God's sight
  - ii) We are to be holy
- c) The idea of being a saint is closely associated with the idea of holiness

#### 4. The Concept of Holiness in the Old Testament

Leviticus 20:7

- a) Consecrate yourselves
- b) Be holy
- c) You shall keep My statutes and perform them
- d) I am the LORD who sanctifies you

#### 5. The Concept of holiness in the New Testament

- a) Justified freely by His grace      Romans 3:24
- b) Justified by faith      Romans 3:28
- c) Justified by His blood      Romans 5:9
- d) Imputed righteousness      Romans 4:22

**6. Challenge: To live as saints in the Lord Jesus Christ**

- a) Appreciation of our justification in Christ
- b) Behaving as people who have been redeemed
- c) Confessing Christ as our Saviour and Lord
- d) Determined to live as people who are consecrated to the Lord
- e) Endeavouring to serve the Lord as His bondservants
- f) Faithful in all that has been entrusted to us

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE**

*Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
Romans 6:11*