

“Sinner & Saint”

Sermon Series “Goliath Must Fall — Rejection Must Fall” (Week 3)

Sermon

Luke 7:36-50

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Question: Why does the tension between sinner and saint bother us?

- 1) To say we are saint and sinner is to say that we are reclaimed rejects, loved losers, and forgiven failures. It is to humble ourselves.

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, while we were God’s enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!
Romans 5:6–10

- 2) To say we are saint and sinner is to admit that we do not deserve salvation. We want to be winners, but we are sinner. It is to renounce our best efforts.

He has saved us and called us to a holy life--not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time...
2 Timothy 1:9

- 3) God doesn’t merely find us to be acceptable, he loves us, redeems us, and calls us his own.

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.
1 John 3:1–2