

Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 6

Extra Reading: Nicene Creed & Canons III/IV, art 16 (page 109)

Singing: 226:1-3 – 426:1, 7, 9, 10 – 88:1-3 – 84:1-2

The Calling of the Saints of God

I. Be mindful of who you are II. Be mindful to glorify your Lord

I. Be mindful of who you are

A. Believers are sinners *espoused to Christ* (2 Cor. 11:2)

1. Who can fathom the privilege of this grace?
 - a. consider what people they were (vs. 9-10)
 - b. how much God's choice to love glorifies God!

2. Hearken friends and enemies: *Is He not worthy to seek – know – love?*

B. Believers are to be mindful of their obligations toward Christ: how?

1. by putting away *low moral standard* (ch. 5-6; Eph 4:20)
 - a. the smallest compromise with sin is 'adultery'

2. by resolving sinful conflicts in Christ's way (6:1-8)

3. by living purely, godly and a devoted life to Christ (6:9-18)

4. by being living as becomes 'the temple of the Holy Ghost' (6:19)

5. by remember that *you are not your own* (6:20)

6. by being mindful that *you are bought with price* (6:20)

II. Be mindful to glorify your Lord

A. God's will is that we *devote "soul and body"* exclusively to Him

1. Here is a big difference between *Greek (Corinthian) culture & Word*

B. What does true bride/redeemed want more: *to glorify Husband/Redeemer*

1. Love is pained with the Lover is not glorified or extolled!

2. Though love may be real, the exhortation remains needed: *saints easily fall into formalism by leaving their first love*

C. How do we glorify Him?

1. Let's begin with *speaking well of Him and His virtues* (Ps. 45)

a. about what He did and is doing

b. about His character and virtues

2. Let's seek to be obedient to Ps. 32:11 *Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart!*

a. Should the self-awareness of being a 'sinner' silence us about the greatness of our Lord and Savior?

3. Let's wrestle to glorify Him with the works of a true Christian: *love in serving – sacrificing – sowing*

Finally ... Beloved, stay sober to remain watchful! (1 Peter 1:13)

The more grace thrives in the soul, the more sin dies. (T. Brooks)

It takes grace to accept grace and to live by grace.

Jewels are to wear, not hide; so are our graces. (T. Brooks)

Love is the queen of all graces. (A. Pink)