



6. What is a Christian? Philippians 1:1-2

1. A Christian has a new name

- “to all the *saints* in Christ Jesus”
- Used approx 50 times for ordinary Christians
- Means ‘holy’ or ‘set apart’ – 2 aspects:
 - a) **Set apart by God and for God**
 - A Christian is someone called and taken hold of by God
 - b) **Declared Holy (not guilty) by God**
 - On the Cross Jesus takes our sin, & gives his righteousness to us

Challenge

- We belong to God – this should be seen in every area of our lives

Comfort

- When we fail, Christ’s perfection still covers our failures
- Those God calls to be holy, he enables to grow in holiness

2. A Christian has a new address

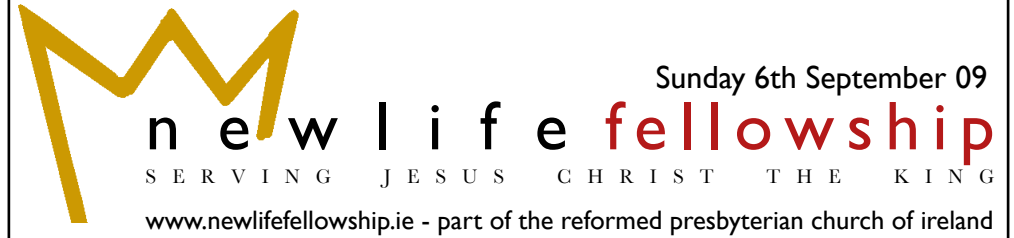
- “to all the saints *in Christ Jesus*”
- a favourite phrase of Paul’s – 160+ times in New Testament
- Our natural address is “In Adam” – when he failed, he failed for us all
- Our new address is “In Christ” – when he triumphed, he did it for us
- This provides:
 - Security (1:6) - We can’t be taken out of Christ
 - Growth (1:9-11) - We can grow because of Christ’s life in us
 - Strength (4:13) - We can cope: we have access to Christ’s strength

3. A Christian has a new job

- “to all the saints in Christ Jesus *at Philippi*”
- “Our citizenship is in Heaven” (3:20) but we live here
- Our new job is to be ambassadors of our new King
- Called to be involved, not hiding away
- Called to represent Jesus wherever he has placed us

4. A Christian has a new family

- “*saints ... together with the overseers and deacons*”
- ‘Saints’ always plural – we are not on our own
- Philippians is full of being in it together – eg 1:5, 7, 27; 4:3, 14
- Philippians is full of family concern – eg 1:7-8, 24-26; 2:4, 20, 25; 4:10
- God places his people in the family of the local church, under men gifted to lead spiritually (overseers/elders) and care practically (deacons)
- We need to be praying for such men for here



Sunday 6th September 09

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Notices

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| Sun | Evening service in Milford | 8pm |
| Thurs | Bible Study @ Colin & Carolines | 8pm |
| | Note change to Thursday for the next couple of weeks | |

11th-13th Young Adults' Weekend - Annalong, Co Down
Speaker - Rev Andrew Lucas on Ruth. Application Forms available

Sun 13th Lord's Supper at morning service - If you haven't joined with us to take part in the Lord's Supper and would like to take part please speak to Mark before next week. If you simply wish to come along and be part of the service but not take part in the Lord's Supper, you're welcome to do that.

Jonny McCollum will be starting his Short-term service with us in Letterkenny and Milford this week. He'll be here for the next year, alternating between Milford and Letterkenny on Sundays. Please consider having him for Sunday lunch or a midweek meal (perhaps Tuesdays?).

Presbytery News

Presbytery met on Wednesday evening. Items covered included:

- Presbytery made out a call to Mr John George to come and work in Enniskillen fellowship alongside Robert Robb.
- Robert Robb reported that Enniskillen have about 24 people out on a Sabbath morning
- Derry City outreach committee reported that they are looking for families to be part of a new congregation/outreach in Derry. Also there is going to be a leaflet distribution in October Sat 17th, and a series of meetings the following week.
- France Update meeting scheduled for the Mon 26th October in Bready at 8pm.

Christianity Explored

A 6-week course designed to let you find out the facts about Jesus, and to find answers to your questions the Bible and Christianity.

- You don't need to know anything about the Bible
- You won't be asked to read, pray or answer questions
- You will be given every opportunity to ask your own questions

Sunday 13th - Philippians I
Opening Psalm: 105:22-26

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