

## CLASS 4 | A LIFE OF HOLINESS

### I. The Meaning of Holiness

The easiest way to understand holiness is to study the life of God's Son, Jesus Christ. God sent Jesus to exemplify what \_\_\_\_\_ truly means. He serves as the ultimate representation of holiness for humanity. As we cannot surpass Jesus in holiness, striving for \_\_\_\_\_ becomes the result of pursuing holiness. Holiness is to take the Bible seriously and seek to live like Jesus and be Christlike in everything we do.

**1 Peter 1:15:** "In all manner of conversation" means lifestyle. It is speaking of all our attitudes and actions. We are to be holy (reflect Christ) in every aspect of our life.

### II. The Command to Be Holy

Why should we be holy? Why is there so much emphasis in God's Word on holiness?

1. God's creative purpose for His people is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 1:4.** God chose us in him before the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world to be holy and \_\_\_\_\_ in his sight. In love.

2. God desires that His people live a life of holiness.

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

#### Answers

purpose / Christlikeness / creation / blameless / holiness / holiness

- a. Not only is holiness part of God's \_\_\_\_\_ plan, but holiness is part of God's calling.
  - b. When mankind \_\_\_\_\_, God didn't change His mind about us being holy.
  - c. When you acknowledged your sins and understood the need for a savior, God's grace empowered you to repent and invite Jesus into your heart, surrendering control of your life to Him. His offer goes beyond \_\_\_\_\_, as He also calls you to lead a life of holiness.
3. God commands His people to be holy.
- 1 Peter 1:15-16.** But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be \_\_\_\_\_, because I am holy."
- a. In addition to holiness being part of God's creative plan for mankind, and part of God's calling for us as His children, God \_\_\_\_\_ us to be holy.
  - b. The command is imperative. It is not a suggestion, nor is it \_\_\_\_\_. It is a command for us now.
- Hebrews 12:14.** Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

#### **Answers**

creative / fell / holy / commands / optional / see / forgiveness

- c. The command to be holy is plural in number. This means God's command for holiness is not limited to a single person but extends to all \_\_\_\_\_. This implies that each Christian is called to live a holy life and strive for \_\_\_\_\_ growth.
- d. We need God's power to be holy and to maintain and demonstrate continuous holiness in life.

### III. Five Elements of Holiness

#### 1. For anything to be holy, it must be connected to the Source of holiness—God.

**Revelation 15:4.** Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy.

- a. Nothing is holy in a biblical sense until it is \_\_\_\_\_ to the origin and source of holiness—God himself.
- b. There is no holiness \_\_\_\_\_ of God's holiness.
- c. Our holiness is derived and sustained only by being in \_\_\_\_\_ with the holy God.
- d. Only God's presence makes something holy. In other words, God is the \_\_\_\_\_ of all holiness.

#### 2. For anything to be holy, it must be separated from the common or ordinary.

- a. God doesn't expect life to be comprised of gray areas gray—where things are not right or \_\_\_\_\_, but simply neutral.

#### **Answers**

source / independent / wrong / spiritual / relationship / connected / believers

b. God wants His people to know what pleases and displeases Him through \_\_\_\_\_ and through His Word.

**3. That which is holy is separated unto God as His possession.**

When a person gets saved, he is connected to the source of holiness, God Himself, and God separates that person unto Himself thereby claiming him as His own property.

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20.** Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your \_\_\_\_\_? For you have been bought with a \_\_\_\_\_: therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ God in your \_\_\_\_\_.

God has a right to do what He wants with His property. This means, He has the right to tell us how to live. And He tells us that we are to live out the holy position He has given us by becoming holy in every aspect of our \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. To be holy requires that we be separated from all that is sinful or defiles.**

Because we are connected to the source of holiness, God himself, we are set \_\_\_\_\_ for God as His personal possession. Therefore, God requires that you and I be separate from that which is \_\_\_\_\_ or that which \_\_\_\_\_ us in His eyes.

**1 Thessalonians. 4:3.** It is God's will that we be sanctified [be holy]. It is His will that we avoid sexual immorality.

**Answers**

apart / discernment / sinful / body / price / life / defiles / glorify / own

**1 Thessalonians. 4:7.** God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

- a. Holiness requires moral \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. God demands moral purity from Christians because \_\_\_\_\_  
from that which is sinful, or defiles is an integral aspect of being a  
holy person.

**5. To be holy, we must obey God's Word.**

**Leviticus 20:7-8.** Consecrate yourselves and be holy because I am the Lord your God. Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the Lord, who makes you holy.

- a. There is an inseparable relationship between holiness and \_\_\_\_\_ to Scripture.
- b. In the very same breath that God commands us to be holy, He commands us to \_\_\_\_\_ His word. Therefore, holiness is displayed by \_\_\_\_\_ to God's Word.
- c. In pursuit of holiness, we should be obedient to Scripture. It is impossible to knowingly go against the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and claim to be holy, as this goes against the very essence of what it means to be holy.

**Answers**

obedience / Word / obey / separation / purity / obedience

## IV. Pursuing Holiness

**2 Corinthians 7:1.** The Apostle Paul admonishes, "Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."

1. Paul is speaking to Christians who are already holy. Therefore, the need to be holy is different from the need to be saved.
2. As followers of Jesus Christ, we need to be "\_\_\_\_\_ holiness" in the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. The word "perfecting" is a present participle, which indicates continuous activity, therefore, we ought to make continual progress in holiness, motivated by the fear (reverence) of God.
3. As we walk with the Lord, we are to become more and more holy. In other words, we are to become more and more like \_\_\_\_\_.

**1 Peter 1:13-14:** "Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance."

- a. Holiness is evident through \_\_\_\_\_ to God's \_\_\_\_\_, but it encompasses more than that; it entails a deliberate choice to \_\_\_\_\_ the ways of the world.
- b. Our \_\_\_\_\_ to the world is a result of the desires we sought to fulfill prior to being saved.

### Answers

reject / perfecting / fear / Word / conformity / Jesus / obedience

- c. In our ignorance, we used to \_\_\_\_\_ things that were not holy. However, holiness means not giving in to those old desires anymore.
  - d. Holiness avoids \_\_\_\_\_ , as defined as any attitude, action, or behavior that does not conform to God's Word.
4. Holiness involves a three-fold **SEPARATION**:
- a. Separation to God as His possession.
  - b. Separation from that which is sinful or defiles us in God's eyes.
  - c. Separation from the common, the ordinary.

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**Answers**  
worldliness / desire