

PREPARED IN HOLINESS

¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." **1 Peter 1:15-16**

Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is holiness? • How can we live a holy life? • Which is the reward of living a holy life? 	Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the meaning of holiness. • Understand the importance of living a holy life. • Leave everything that keeps us apart from God and dedicate our lives to serving the Lord.
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Illustration: A small town was preparing a major music concert the best of the bands playing pop music, so everyone started working for this big event, setting up tents, chairs, sound, lights, etc. . all that comes with having this great event, but the members of this group sent the instruments in another vehicle and not all the cargo was delivered , finally the last cargo came but not the keyboard, they began to try what they had but it didn't sound good, near there was a Christian church and they had an idea, to ask them if they could borrow the church's keyboard, they went there and the pastor came out to talk to them, they came out empty handed and there was no concert that night . The instrument at the church had been dedicated to the service of God and could not be used for a mundane service, also you were separated for the exclusive use of our Lord Jesus Christ and should not be used for the world.

Introduction: We studied last week about the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, today an extremely important study will be necessary to await the coming of our Savior. Today we will understand what holiness really means, in terms of not only people who are considered holy by men, but the holiness to which the heavenly Father calls us to live each day.

I. ¿WHAT IS HOLINESS? Ezra 8:28

- a. Holy in the Hebrew and Greek languages, means "separated and set aside for God," devoted exclusively to a single use, be made, dedicated and available for Him.
- b. It means devotion in the sense of living a life of service to God; and in the sense of imitating, and resemble the God we serve.
- c. Living in holiness is to live a life consecrated to God, away from evil and sin and dedicated to God's service. Example; Who are we and what do we do when no one sees us? What thoughts do we meditate in? How do we react? What do we watch on TV? How do we spend our time? What do we talk about when we're with other people?

II. ¿HOW DO WE GET THE HOLINESS?

- a. Accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and personal savior, we must allow the Lord to govern our lives; it is He who controls our whole being, spirit, soul and body. (1 Thessalonians 5: 23).

- b. b. The man sanctifies himself when he separates from that which is evil and impure. Ephesians 4:22-24 we must put off the old man and put on the new man is to leave: the bad words, bad actions, bad habits, bad expressions, misconduct, we turn away from sin and be consecrated to God.
- c. We obtain holiness when we repent from our heart from our wicked ways, we turn our life 180 degrees and turn our eyes to God.

III. WHAT ARE THE FRUITS OF HOLINESS? Galatians 5:17-24

- a. Holiness is the fruit of a true conversion to Christ, it is also the result of repentance of sin and faith in Christ.
- b. Some people think that because we are already Christians and serve God, we don't have to repent or not do certain things, it is not that we are almost doing things right, but it comes to delivering all sin, all evil, all gossip, all criticism, all litigation, all anger, all jealousy, all rebellion, all sexual impurity, all impure thought, every glance of greed, all strife, all violence, all vice, in short, everything that displeases God.

III . WHAT IS THE REWARD OF SANCTIFYING MY SELF ?

- a. We receive the inheritance of the Heavenly Father and see the greatness of his power and glory. Hebrews 12:14
- b . We are saved: Holiness is a defensive weapon , keeping our selves clean and pure , Satan cannot attack , touch, steal, kill or destroy a child of God Psalm 37:28
- c . We give good testimony: It is a testimony for the ones that don't know Jesus, for holiness is manifested and attests that the power of God can transform lives. example, the alcoholic not drinking anymore, the adulterer adultery no more , the liar does not lie, who steals steal no more , the abuser does not abuse again, a broken marriage is restored , etc. .
- d . WE ARE HAPPY : (Psalm 119:47) Those who pursue happiness, cannot reach it; but when we pursue holiness we receive happiness without asking for it. Example: We get a huge relief when we know that no one will discover something evil that we did, but when you stop doing those things , we have a clear conscience , we sleep in peace knowing that our life pleases God and the devil cant accuse us.
- e . We prepared for the Lord's return.

Conclusion:

To be holy is "simply" to be more like God. It has nothing to do with knowledge, skills, gifts, charisma, and so on. All these aspects are important, but none is necessarily evidence of holiness. To be holy means to be morally blameless. It's to be set apart from sin and therefore be consecrated to God. And this starts accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior of your life; would you like to do a little prayer this day?

Sinner's prayer

Lord Jesus I recognize that I've sin and that you died for me. Today I repent and I ask for forgiveness. I give you my life and my heart so you can be my Lord and my Savior.

Amen

Practical application:

- **Do a self-exam to see if your life really has been consecrated to serve God.**
- **Renounce to all sin that separates us from the holiness of God.**

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