

THE BLESSING OF BEING HOLY

I. THE HOLINESS OF GOD – Psalm 89:6-8, Habakkuk 1:13

A. God is holy in that He is set apart, unique and distinct. He is supreme and is infinitely powerful, loving, wise and good, more than any person. Psalm 89:6-8

B. God is holy in that He is pure and sinless. He does nothing wrong and He does everything right. Habakkuk 1:13

C. God is holy in that He is reigning on His throne, sovereign over all things. He is exalted, and deserves to be worshiped. Isaiah 6:1-7, Revelation 4:8

D. The example of Isaiah (Isaiah 6), Moses (Exodus 3) and Peter (Luke 5). They saw the holiness of God, they saw their sinfulness, they were forgiven, and they became faithful servants of God. Hebrews 11:27, Psalm 90:14

II. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HOLY?

A. A person knows that God is holy, and sees that he is a sinner, and that he deserves to be punished for his sin. Then he sees that Jesus is the answer, the Savior, the One God punished for his own sin. 1 Peter 3:18

B. A person who is saved is given the righteousness of Christ, and is then seen by God as perfectly holy. Romans 3:21-26, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Ephesians 1:4

C. You are positionally holy in God's sight - you are a child of God and are a new creature in Christ. You are not always practically holy, for you still sin, but you are still forgiven of your sins and on your way to heaven.

III. WHY IS IT GOOD TO BE HOLY?

A. It is the means to having a relationship with God. Romans 6:23, Hebrews 12:15

B. It is the means to spiritual growth and fruitfulness. The person who is truly useful to God, and then truly fruitful is the believer who is cleansed by God's word, by God's Spirit, and by trials. Psalm 4:3, John 15:1-2

C. It is the means to being a good witness for God. 1 Peter 3:15

D. It is the means to giving glory to God. John 15:8, 1 Corinthians 10:31

IV. WHAT ARE THE MEANS TO BEING HOLY?

- A. You need to fear God, and realize that there are consequences for sin, for not being holy. 2 Corinthians 7:1, Proverbs 8:13
- B. You realize you're a temple of the Holy Spirit, that God dwells in you. Therefore, you don't want to defile your temple. 1 Corinthians 6:19
- C. You realize you have a personal relationship with the Spirit, where He helps you to be holy and you then have fellowship with Him. Galatians 5:16-18, 25
- D. You realize that sin is like poison, that it kills and is deadly, and that it really hurts your life and affects the lives of others. Romans 6:23, Prophets
- E. By God's word, you are able to identify sin. Then God can convict you when you do what is wrong. Galatians 5:19-23, Mark 7:20-23
- F. You need to learn to say no to sin, to reject sin, and to put it to death. Colossians 3:5-24, Galatians 5:25, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Romans 8:5-14
- G. You need to confess, to repent of your sin. 1 John 1:9, 2 Corinthians 7:8-11. There may be a connection between sickness and sin. James 5:13-16
- H. You need to pray about this area of sin, to ask God to help you get victory over your sin. Psalm 51; Psalm 119:28-29, 133; Psalm 139:23-24; Luke 22:46
- I. You need to stay away from bad people and bad things. You need good friends, and you need to be devoted to fellowship. 1 Corinthians 15:33, Proverbs 1:10-33
- J. You need to be reading the word. "*God's word will keep you from sin, and sin will keep you from God's word.*" Psalm 119:104, 128; John 15:7-8; Romans 6-8

LET US CLEANSE OURSELVES FROM ALL DEFILEMENT OF FLESH
AND SPIRIT, PERFECTING HOLINESS IN THE FEAR OF GOD.
2 Corinthians 7:1

SOME QUESTIONS TO ANSWER:

1. What is the main thing that you believe God wants you to learn from this lesson?
2. What does it mean when we say that God is holy?
3. How does a person get saved, that is become holy in God's eyes?
4. What are some reasons why it is important to be holy?
5. What happens if you are not holy?
6. Why is God's word so important and necessary for you to be holy?
7. What areas do you believe you need to focus on to be more holy?