

How In The World Can I Be Holy?

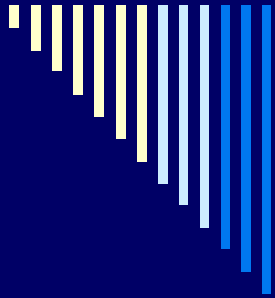
Hebrews 12:14



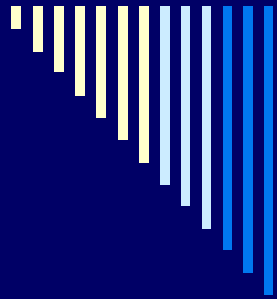


Introduction

- ❑ The human yearning for holiness
 - ❑ It comes in quiet moments of personal devotion or public worship
 - ❑ It arises in moments of frustration when our best intention to follow Christ fails
 - ❑ It comes in moments of weariness from unresolved conflict between our sinful impulses and desire to follow God
 - ❑ It arises in moments when we serve others but recognized that it is motivated by selfish ambitions
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- ❑ Holiness is nothing more and nothing less than to love our neighbour as ourselves
- ❑ Even marred by sin, by God's grace we are capable of reflecting divine love
- ❑ Disparity: one part longs to want to serve God, while the other seek our own selfish ends
- ❑ Have desire to be truly Christian but do not have the power to live the life to which we are called
- ❑ How in the world can I be holy?



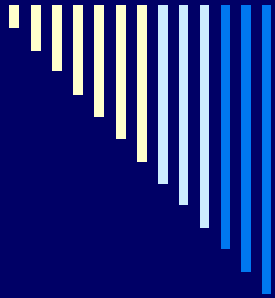
I. Understanding The Holiness of God

- Holiness - the core attribute of who God is
- Ex. 15:11, Isaiah 6:3, Rev. 15:4,
- I Sam.2:2, Isaiah 6:5
- God's holiness purifies and help us to separate ourselves from all that is unholy
- God shares his holiness by imparting it to us – one of the greatest signs of his love

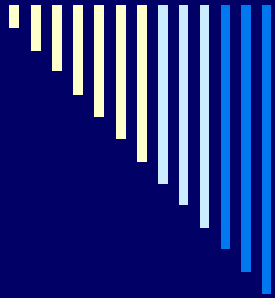


II. How Can I Be Holy?

- Because God has called us into holiness
 - His righteousness makes us holy
 - BUT we have a responsibility
 - 2 Cor. 7:1, 2 Peter 3:11, 1 Thess. 4:7, Hebrews 12:14
 - There is effort involved if you want to be holy
 - It is demonstrated by the way we live
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- A. Holiness refers to a CALLING
- I Pet. 1:15, 16
 - Belonging to God and becoming like the God to whom we belong
 - Basic idea is not moral purity but relationship
 - I Thess 4:7, Eph. 1:4
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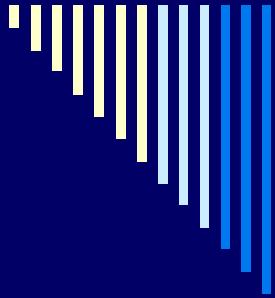


B. Holiness reflects a CHOICE

- Rom 6:19
- We have the potential to be holy but we must make the choice

C. Holiness requires a CHANGE

- 2 Cor. 5:17, Eph. 4:24
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D. Holiness rises to a CHALLENGE

- Need to recognize the holiness of God and willing to do whatever it takes to be holy
- I Pet. 1:14,15, I Cor. 3:17

E. Holiness reveals a CHARACTER

- Eph. 5:8
- Desire for holiness tells us more about our character than our resume



Conclusion

- We are all living in this unholy world
 - We cannot neglect holiness
 - We need to make the choice
 - We need the Word to be our foundation
 - We need to stay in obedience, and living a life that is expected of us
 - Hebrews 12:14
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