

P U R S U E



The pursuit of




H O L I N E S S

(2 Timothy 2:22-24)

PURSUE: HOLINESS

1 PETER 1:13-16 (ESV)

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”



1. GOD IS HOLY

1 PETER 1:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”



“What comes into our minds when we think about God, is the most important thing about us.”

A.W TOZER



1. GOD IS HOLY

ISAIAH 6:1-5 (ESV)

In the year King Uzziah died **I saw the Lord** sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

*“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!”*



1. GOD IS HOLY

ISAIAH 6:1-5 (ESV)

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”



1. GOD IS HOLY

ISAIAH 55:8-9 (ESV)

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.



2. YOU SHALL BE HOLY

1 PETER 1:15-16 (ESV)

but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶ since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”



2. YOU SHALL BE HOLY

2 TIMOTHY 2:22 (ESV)

So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.



**To be holy,
means to be wholly God's.**



2. YOU SHALL BE HOLY

HEBREWS 10:14 (ESV)

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.


NIV: “...those who are being made holy.”



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2 CORINTHIANS 3:18 (ESV)

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.



“It is not falling into the water, but lying in the water that drowns. It is not falling into sin, but lying in sin, that destroys the soul.”

THOMAS BROOKS



“If we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak.

C.S LEWIS



We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea.

We are far too easily pleased.”


C.S LEWIS



2. YOU SHALL BE HOLY

1 PETER 2:11-12 (NIV)

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.



3. GOSPEL-EMPOWERED HOLINESS

1 PETER 1:14-15 (ESV)


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3. GOSPEL-EMPOWERED HOLINESS

EPHESIANS 5:1-2 (ESV)

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



“The only way to dispossess heart of an old affection is by the expulsive power of a new one.”

THOMAS CHALMERS



3. GOSPEL-EMPOWERED HOLINESS

1 PETER 2:9-10 (ESV)

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

