

# L16 | Ephesians | Before Him In Love | Eph. 1:3-6

## I. Intro/Review:

- The Holiness of God
  1. No other attribute so pronounced as His holiness - not faithful, faithful, faithful - nor eternal, eternal, eternal - nor love, love, love (Isa. 6:3; Rev. 4:8)
    - It is His holiness that manifests all other attribute most excellent.
  2. Singled out to swear by (Ps. 89:35; Amos 4:2)
    - The ground of assurance of His promise
    - If He lies to David than shall He never be counted holy
  3. Glory and beauty (1 The. 4:4 - sanctification and honor)
    - The image of God in the creature
    - Ps. 27:4; 2 Chr. 20:21
  4. It is His life (Eph. 4:18)
    - Alienated from the life of God, from His purity by our uncleanness
    - Swear by it as His life, "as I live"
- Without holiness His power, love, strength, etc would lose their honor and efficacy
- Thus it becomes an adjective and quickening virtue - (i.e. holy justice, holy wisdom, holy arm (power), holy promise, holy name, holy in all His works
- He purifies by holy contamination or by destruction
- "Who is like unto thee, O Lord, glorious in holiness?"
  - Who can make something clean that is unclean?
  - Undoubtedly if one could they must be Most Holy - The Holy of Holies
- This is not what we are naturally but what God chose us to be in Christ - it is first things first - we must be fitted for His use, we must be accepted of His Holiness, His Majesty.
  - Christ is the Holy One thus - we must be at-one with Him, thus in Him.
    - Christ always pleases the Father and by His nature is host to our holiness.
  - Such a position - so vastly different from our first one would be a creation of a new creature - after God in righteousness and true holiness.

## II. Preview:

- Without Blame - further substantiate eternal lot before Him

- Before Him
- In Love

### III. Sermon:

**{1 Tim 6:16} - "Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen."**

- "without blame"
  - Ephesians 5:27 - "...without blemish."
    - Leviticus 21:18-20 - "blind, lame, flat nose, anything superfluous, brokenfooted, brokenhanded, crookbackt, dwarf, blemish in the eye, scurvy, scabbed, stones (testicles) broken
    - Leviticus 22:22-23 - "blind, broken, maimed, wen (running sores), scurvy, scabbed
  - Translated
    - Colossians 1:22 - "...unblameable..."
    - Hebrews 9:14 - "...without spot..."
    - 1 Peter 1:19 - "...without blemish..."
    - Jude 1:24 - "...faultless before the presence of His glory..."
    - Revelation 14:5 - "...without fault before the throne of God."
  - That specific condition which is meet to God, satisfactory to Himself, qualified to be before Him, pure unto the pure, the provision to draw nigh
  - Description of Christ and us in, by, and through Christ
- "without blame" - Together with "holiness"
  - Mark 6:20 - "just man and holy"
  - Luke 1:75 - "in holiness and righteousness before Him"
  - Acts 3:14 - "Holy One and the Just"
  - Titus 1:8 - "just, holy"
  - Revelation 22:11 - "unjust, filthy - righteous, holy"
  - God is holy and just
    - Ps. 78:41 - "Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel."
    - Ps. 89:18 - "For the LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king."
  - Christ is holy and just
    - Acts 3:14 - "Holy One and the Just"

- Rev. 6:10 - "holy and true"
  - Rev. 15:4 - "for thou only art holy"
  - Created after God holy and righteous
    - Ephesians 4:24 - "in righteousness and true holiness"
    - The very things the new man is created in
    - 1 Thessalonians 5:23 - sanctify wholly - "spirit, soul, body"
      - 3 Tenses of Salvation
        - Saved from the debt of sin - unholy, unrighteous
        - Being saved from the power of sin - unholy, unrighteous
        - Will be saved from the presence of sin - unholy, unrighteous
1. "spirit" - Eph. 2:1ff (quicken when dead)
  2. "soul" - Rom. 12:1ff (renewing of the mind)
    - "carnal body with sin in it" (now) - Rom. 8:5ff (quicken your mortal body - the Spirit)
  3. "spiritual body" - (future) - 1 Cor. 15; Php. 3 (new body)
1. **Operation new creature** - "holy and beloved" (sanctified and called to be saints)
    - Redemption - Romans 3-5
    - Baptism/Circumcision - Romans 6, Col. 2:10-15
    - God's preparation, purify us unto every good work - 2 Tim. 2:19-21
  2. **Perfecting Holiness - Possessing your vessel in sanctification**
    - **Ephesians 5:25-27** - sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that He might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such things; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
    - **1 Thessalonians 4:1-9** - called with a holy calling, made holy, to perfect holiness
    - Titus 2:11ff11-15
- Imputed righteousness to the expression of that righteousness in fruit. The expression doesn't sustain or maintain that which is imputed; however, is that which we are to mature in.
  - Need these two things
    - Holiness
    - Righteousness
  - Spiritual Things
    - Partakers of the new testament
    - Ministration of righteousness
    - Ministries of spirit

- We inherit them by Christ instead of that which we naturally inherit from Adam
- "before Him"
- "in love"
  - Jn. 17:24 - "Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world."
  - Jn. 15:27 - "For the Father Himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God."

#### IV. Conclusion: