



**Pursuit of Holiness - Part 1 - A Holy God
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¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 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 1:13-16

The purpose of pursuing holiness is to SHARE in the CHARACTER of God.

RESPONSES TO PURSUING HOLINESS

- “I CAN’T!”
- “I don’t WANT TO.”
- “I haven’t really THOUGHT about it.”
- “I’m unsure what HOLINESS even means.”

HOLINESS IS NOT:

- PERFECTIONISM
- LEGALISM
- JUDGMENTALISM

A HOLY GOD

I am the Lord, who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy. - Leviticus 11:45

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” - Exodus 3:5

- *Holy* - SACREDNESS; separateness.

THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. - Hebrews 12:14

1) Recognize GOD’S part.

And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. - Hebrews 10:10

Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. - Colossians 1:22

2) Respond with MY part.

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
- Matthew 5:48

3) Remember the GRACE of Jesus.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. - 1 John 2:1

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.
- 1 Peter 2:9-10