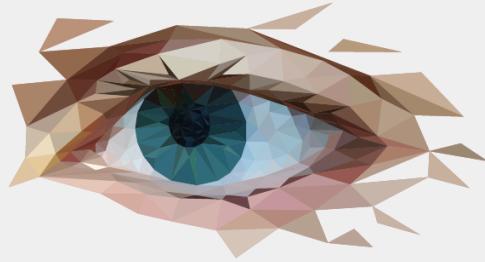


EYES OF THE LORD



SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2025

1. WHAT IS THE FIRST THING YOU THINK OF WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD 'HOLY'? HOW COULD YOU PICTURE IT?

2. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE HOLINESS TO A 12-YEAR-OLD?

3. IN TALKING ABOUT 'THE GOD WHO SEES,' WHY DO YOU THINK WE ARE LOOKING AT HOLINESS FIRST?

4. READ PSALM 50:16-23 AND DISCUSS (ESPECIALLY V.21).

5. A FEW REASONS WERE GIVEN WHY PEOPLE DON'T LIKE THE FACT THAT GOD IS HOLY. WHAT SITUATIONS OR ISSUES MIGHT CAUSE THESE OBJECTIONS? HAVE YOU HAD THEM?

JUSTICE FOR OFFENSES AGAINST ME _____

PAYBACK / VENGEANCE _____

REPAYMENT FOR MY EVILS _____

6. WHY DOES GOD'S HOLINESS LEAD TO WORSHIP? WHAT DOES THAT LOOK LIKE?

PERSONAL STUDY

WRITE DOWN THREE THOUGHTS ON WHY IT IS GOOD THAT GOD IS NOT LIKE US.

Briefly, there are three aspects to our holiness as believers in Jesus Christ.

1. When God's Spirit convicts you and you have trusted in Christ's work on the cross to pay for your sins and you accept his forgiveness as a gift of grace, you are *justified*, declared righteous (e.g. Romans 3:19-28; 5:1-9). God credits the righteousness of Christ to your account.
2. Afterwards, the Holy Spirit indwells you, and we demonstrate our faith by being made righteous, *sanctified*, where we are set apart unto God to live in his will and ways. It is God's work in and through us that functions to demonstrate the free gift he has given. (e.g. 1 Peter 1).
3. At some point, we will either die or the Lord will return and the process of being made holy will be over. You will become permanently holy, a done deal. (e.g. 1Th 4:13-17; 1Co 15:51-56; Rom 8:29-30)

Question - How does this help you to understand holiness as a follower of Jesus?