

# What is Holiness?

**1 Peter 1:15 (NKJV)** but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

## I. Unstained

All believers we must live their lives in unholy world. The environment is polluted with sin and death. As Christians we are all under tremendous pressure to compromise our Christian character.

**James 1:27 (NASB95)** Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

**James 1:27 (NLT)** ...refusing to let the world corrupt you.

**James 1:27 (AMP)** ....and to keep oneself unspotted and uncontaminated from the world.

**2 Corinthians 6:17 (NKJV)** Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."

What is being say here?

**John 17:15-17 (NLT)** I'm not asking you to take them out of the world, but to keep them safe from the evil one. They do not belong to this world any more than I do. Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth.

We are called be the light of the world, the salt of the earth! Instead of withdrawing from contact with the world, we must strive to resist its influence. To do this we must first o all resolve to live by the convictions God has given us from His Word.

**Matthew 5:13 (NKJV)** "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

## II. Holiness

**Holiness:** is always rendered "sanctification". It signifies (a) separation to God, (b) the resultant state, the conduct befitting those so separated...SANTIFICATION; denotes "to set apart to God."

Sanctification is God's will for the believer!

**1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 (NKJV)** For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,

**2 Thessalonians 2:13 (NKJV)** But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.

The Word of God is the best defense against the pollution of sin.

**Psalms 119:9 (NKJV)** How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.

## III. We have a part to play in Holiness.

**Hebrews 12:14** Pursue peace with all men, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

**Romans 6:19 (NLT)** Because of the weakness of your human nature, I am using the illustration of slavery to help you understand all this. Previously, you let yourselves be slaves to impurity and lawlessness, which led ever deeper into sin. Now you must give yourselves to be slaves to righteous living so that you will become holy.

**Romans 6:22 (NLT)** But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life.

**Romans 8:5 (NKJV)** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

**Ephesians 4:22-24 (AMP)** Strip yourselves of your former nature [put off and discard your old unrenewed self] which characterized your previous manner of life and becomes corrupt through lusts and desires that spring from delusion; And be constantly renewed in the spirit of your mind [having a fresh mental and spiritual attitude], and put on the new nature (the regenerate self) created in God's image. [Godlike] in true righteousness and holiness.

**1 John 3:2-3 (NKJV)** Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.