

## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### God our Sanctifier (Yahweh-M'Kaddesh)

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor  
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*"Holiness is the everyday business of every Christian. It evidences itself in the decisions we make and the things we do, hour by hour, day by day."*

*Chuck Colson*

#### What is holiness and how do we obtain it?

Leviticus 11:44-45 (NLT) For I am the Lord your God. You must consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy... <sup>45</sup> For I, the LORD, am the one who brought you up from the land of Egypt, that I might be your God. Therefore, you must be holy because I am holy.

- **God made us in His image to reflect Him in holiness.**

Leviticus 20:7-8 (NLT) So set yourselves apart to be holy, for I am the LORD your God. <sup>8</sup> Keep all my decrees by putting them into practice, for I am the LORD who makes you holy [*m'kaddesh*].

"m'kaddesh" derives from the Hebrew word "qâdash" or "kadosh" and it means holy, to dedicate, set apart, and sanctify.

- **Holiness = being totally devoted or dedicated to God. To be set apart from sin and it's influence for the special use of God.**

- **To be holy is to be wholly God's.**

1 Peter 1:13-16 (NLT) So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. <sup>14</sup> So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. <sup>15</sup> But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. <sup>16</sup> For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

1 Peter 1:17-20 (NLT) And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favourites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here as "temporary residents." <sup>18</sup> For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value. <sup>19</sup> It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. <sup>20</sup> God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but now in these last days he has been revealed for your sake.

- **Prepare your minds for action. v. 13**

- **Exercise Spirit-control. v. 13**

- **Put your hope in your gracious salvation. v. 13b**

- **Live in obedience and don't conform to sin and the world. v. 14**

Romans 12:1-2

- **Reflect God in holiness. v. 15-16**

- **The Gospel (Good News) is both the motive and the means to reflect God in holiness.**

1 Peter 1:18-20  
Hebrews 10:10-14

**Big Idea: Reflect God by embracing and exercising holiness in accordance with God's Word.**

- What truth do you need to embrace to see yourself as holy in Christ?
- What discipline do you need to exercise to grow in holiness?
- What step do you need to take to be wholly God's today?

**Prayer:** Lord, I confess to you that I am a sinner in need of a Saviour. I thank you for the forgiveness you have provided through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. I place my faith in the work of Jesus on my behalf and I believe because of Him, I have been forgiven, cleansed, made holy, and set apart for the purposes of God. I commit myself to you today, to walk in your ways revealed by your Word, keeping in step with your Holy Spirit, that I might reflect you in all things. Amen

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**#7 of 10 — Aug. 18, 2019**

1) Take some time to discuss how your IC has been and will live out the Kingdom of Jesus together.

- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?

3) What comes to mind when you think about the idea of holy and holiness?

4) Read Leviticus 11:44-45 and Leviticus 20:7-8. What does this tell us about God and what does it tell us about us?

5) Read 1 Peter 1:13-25. What do you find interesting or challenging about this passage? What implications does it have for you today?

6) In reviewing the 5 imperatives Peter gives us in v. 13-16, which one resonates with you most deeply? Why?

7) Read and reflect on 1 Peter 1:18-20 and Hebrews 10:10-14. In what sense is the Gospel, highlighted in these Scriptures, both the motive and the means for our holiness?

8) What truth do you need to embrace to see yourself as holy in Christ?  
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