

Spirit Empowered Church
Holy God/Holy People
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Scripture: Psalm 99 (ESV)

The essential teaching of biblical holiness seems to be uncommon and almost absent in much of the Church today.

In our modern times, biblical holiness can be viewed as ancient, outdated and, in some instances, even flat-out rejected.

However, understanding biblical holiness is crucial to our knowledge of God and how He commands His people to live out their lives.

What does the word “holy” mean?

1. Moral perfection

- He is morally perfect, flawless, and without sin.
- God is without spot, stain, blemish, or wrinkle.
- The holiness of God is what qualifies and conditions all other attributes of God.
- All of God’s attributes are perfect!

2. Separate

- God is transcendentally separate – uncommon.
- The things of God that are holy are things that are set apart.
 - Holy people
 - Holy place
 - Holy day

What does this knowledge and understanding of a Holy God require of us?

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-7

1. Acknowledge a Holy God

2. Accept a Holy God

3. Fear of a Holy God

- We should not just fear punishment for sin but we should desire to submit to God's majesty, authority, and goodness.

Scripture: Revelation 4:6b-11 (ESV)

- When we live in fear of the Holy God, these qualities will mark our lives:
 - humility
 - obedience
 - avoidance of evil
 - faithfulness

The reality of an awesome, uncommon, and Holy God demands the devotion of an uncommon people.

Scriptures: Leviticus 11:45 (ESV); I. Peter 1:13-16 (ESV)

1. God's call upon His people is holiness.

- We live in the world, but we are not of the world—we are separate.
- God's standard of living for His people is holiness.
- There is not a more fitting term to describe the essence of holiness than Christlikeness.
- Jesus Christ is the radiance of God's glory, the exact representation of His being, and the fullness of deity dwells in Him in bodily form.
- Holiness of life is the will of God, the work of Christ, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture: 2. Corinthians 3:16-18 (ESV) ; Philippians 2:12-13 (ESV)

2. God gives us His Holy Spirit to enable and empower us to live a life of holiness.

- Holiness of life begins at salvation.
- Holiness of life is a continuing process of the redemptive power of the grace of God and the Holy Spirit.