

HUNGER AND THIRST: HOLINESS

Sermon Series : Hunger and Thirst

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“He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time.”

(2 Tim 1:9)

[1. God’s character is revealed in the metaphor of light & dark]

John 1:4-5; 1Th 5:5; Eph 5:8; 1Jn 1:5-6

[2. God’s character is revealed in the concept of holiness]

Exod 33:18, 29; 2Cor 3:7-18; 5:21; Heb 10:14;

- Holy (Hb: “qodesh”): apartness, set-apartness, separateness, sacredness
- Holy represents God’s person, presence, purity and power

[3. God calls us to a life of holiness]

2Tim 1:9; Col 1:22; Eph 4:17-19

- Beware: You’re dancing with the devil and two-timing Jesus
- Even though you have power and authority over the enemy, you can’t defeat the demons you enjoy playing with
- [illustration of a mousetrap: we try to get as close to the cheese as we can, believing the trap will never hurt us.]

[4. God’s grace does not excuse sinfulness; it enables holiness]

Rom 6:1-2; Isa 35:8; 2Cor 3:18; Rom 1:3-4; 1Pet 1:2 NIV & NLT; Rom 15:16

[5. The Spirit stirs up hunger for (and brings about) holiness]

Gal 5:16-18; Heb 12:14; Acts 2:1-4; Isa 6:3-8 NIV

[clip from Beauty and the Beast: beast becomes human]

Seraphim: fiery ones

QUESTIONS

1. Mike began by exploring the biblical metaphor of darkness and light.
 - a. Why do we keep gravitating back towards darkness? (try to answer specifically not theologically!)
 - b. What are some other scriptures that explore light/darkness? What do they reveal?
2. Do you hunger and thirst for holiness? Why or why not?
What is the evidence in your life of you thirst/lack of thirst for holiness?
3. *How* does the Spirit bring about our holiness? *How* do we partner with Him in our transformation?
How might your Group/family look different if it was hungering for holiness?
What is the danger of seeking transformation apart from the Spirit?
4. “Holy Spirit, Come” is a historic prayer in the life of the church. Pray this prayer together for your lives, our church, and community.