

Called to Holiness part 2

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 9:9-13 & Daniel 7:13-18

1 Thessalonians 5:23–24 Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

Intro: 1 Corinthians 1:4–9 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

2 Peter 3:14 Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

Jude 24 Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy,

All believers are waiting on the promised return of our Lord. He has given us everything we need to be busy and fruitful until he returns. Our hope is _____ because it is our Lord Jesus Christ who will sustain us to the end. All the Apostles say the same thing about that day, Jesus is preparing us to be guiltless when we meet Him. Therefore, it is beyond question that holiness (sanctification) is the goal of our lives as we await His return. Our ultimate glorification is assured because it rests upon God's _____.

Prayer: Now may

Paul shows us it is through the agency of prayer that we continue to ask God to complete what He is doing.

In every letter Paul always says he continually prayed for _____.

This is one of his main prayers and should be one of ours.

We should always be praying for each other that God will _____ completely.

Peace: the God of peace himself

God is the one who makes peace for us through _____.

Colossians 1:19–20 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Our God is the God of peace, He is the one who makes it possible for us to be at peace with Him.

All people are at enmity with God until they accept the propitiation made by Christ.

What allows this peaceful relationship to continue is a life of _____ and it is God Himself who sanctifies us.

1 John 1:5–10 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Perfect: sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

This is God's design, His purpose for all eternity has been (is, and will be) to set us apart for Himself in every area of our lives. God's will is that _____ of your life remain tainted by one spec of leaven.

- Completely
- Whole: spirit, soul, and body
- Blameless

Personal Pondering: Do you live according to the will of God, are you totally engaged with all your heart, soul, and mind to allow God to sanctify you?

Hebrews 12:14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Let us focus on three major points

1. The goal is sanctification, blameless.

Positive and negative: we are positively growing in our maturity, our sanctification. Negatively there are things a believer should not do. When the Lord returns no matter where we are in our positive growth there should be nothing negatively against us, we are to be _____!

2. The purpose is so that we can meet the Lord Jesus Christ in this condition.

Ephesians 5, “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.”

3. The totality of God’s design; completely; our whole spirit, soul and body.

Everything is getting cleaned up for the purpose of _____ God.

1 Peter 1:15–16 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

Power: He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it

We can trust our Heavenly Father and not our weakness to accomplish this, because Paul says, “**He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.**”

God is the one who calls us to salvation, it is His eternal purpose, and it is _____ that assures it is accomplished.

Ephesians 1:4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love

It is God's plan, and it will happen as He planned it by His power. He is faithful and he will surely do it!

Conclusion: It is my desire that you have seen why holiness is so important for the believer. God sent His son to a cross so that we might have our sins and sin nature dealt with, and Jesus was resurrected providing for us new life. The love of God and the grace of God are both the motive and the means by which we live a holy life. But make no mistake, the goal is holiness, "Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish." As we await the glorious day of our Lords return each day should be spent in, "cleanse(*ing*) ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God."

- What does this call to holiness change about our daily lives?
- Based off of the text from Luke 12:³³ **Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.** ³⁴ **For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.** Can you have savings and retirement?
- Do you have a question?