

FOUR LETTER WORDS
Holy
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Let's start with trying to define what holy is.

- 1) It signifies separation to God and
- 2) The resultant state, the conduct befitting those separated.

"In our kind of culture there is a great market for religious experience in our world but there is very little enthusiasm for the patient acquisition for what earlier generations of Christians called holiness." Eugene Petersen:

As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:14-16 NIV

GOD IS HOLY

Our holiness is rooted in the truth that God is holy within Himself

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God." Luke 1:35 NIV

From His conception Jesus is identified as being holy or with God.

"Go away! What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Luke 4:34 NIV

The demons saw Jesus for who He was and who He was with.

You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God." John 6:68b-69 NIV

Holy is the theme of Heaven

GOD COMMANDS US TO BE HOLY

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do. 1 Peter 1:15a NIV

Holiness is not to be legalistic or self-righteous behavior that makes others feel inferior.

Hold on to what is good, ²² reject every kind of evil. 1 Thessalonians 5:21b-22 NIV

Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God. 2 Corinthians 7:1 NIV

The holy person lives right in the midst of others and tries to reflect the heart and attitude of Jesus in an attractive way.

If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, ²⁷ but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. Hebrews 10:26-27 NIV

Once you understand the truth about a relationship with God do not reject it or that will be your undoing.

GOD HELPS US TO BE HOLY

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. 1 Peter 1:23

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. Ephesians 1:4 NIV

God will never give you an expectation without equipping you to accomplish it.

"You will remain the same until the pain of remaining the same becomes greater than the pain of change." Earl Nightingale

The cross is the best display of holiness.

We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Hebrews 10:10 NIV

Holy with Jesus will transform your life.