

“Be holy because *I am holy*”

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“Consecrate yourselves and be holy because I am the Lord your God. ⁸ Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the Lord, who makes you holy...²⁶ You are to be holy to me because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own.”
Leviticus 20:7-8, 26

“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

“ Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.” Hebrew 12:14

"Holiness" is commonly defined as being separate or set apart. God is holy because he is set apart from everything that is not God, and God's people must be holy by being set apart from sin. According to this definition, Holiness is separateness that entails moral purity and excellence.

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.” 1 Peter 2:9

DO determines BE. My wrong perspective.

BE determines DO. God’s right perspective. “So be holy in all you do.” 1 Pet. 1:16.

ONLY A HOLY GOD can set apart or determine WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE is HOLY!

Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, Genesis 2:2-3

“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” Exodus 3:5

“When God sets us apart, sanctifies, or makes us holy, it is our responsibility to live out His holiness thru obedience to His word and by His Spirit. ²³ May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thessalonians 5:23

We teach the process of sanctification at our Freedom Weekends.

Revelation: Who He is and who we are. His truth and our errors. His love and provision.

Response – Choose to either:

Repent & receive God’s Word and a new upward trajectory.

Rebel & reject God’s Word and continue the downward cycle.

Isaiah’s journey – I saw the Lord. I am undone. I am unclean. I am cleansed. I hear the Lord. Here I am. Send me. Isaiah 6:1-8

Let’s Connect

- Have you ever seen something, someplace, or someone that just took your breath away? You stood amazed or speechless. Please share your experience.

Let’s Talk About It

Read: Leviticus 20:7-8, 26, 1 Peter 1:14-16; 2:9, Hebrews 12:14, Isaiah 6:1-8

Discussions Questions

1. Which part of the message or worship service impacted you?
2. Did you ever believe or think you had to behave or perform a particular way for others and God to accept you? When you read Leviticus 20:7, ‘Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the Lord your God.’ What goes through your mind? I already know what’s in my life; how can I ever be holy like God is holy? Just the other day, I thought or did some unholy stuff. How do you handle it?
3. What do you think about the statement shared? ONLY A HOLY GOD can set apart or determine WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE is HOLY! If God is the only one who determines holiness, what is my part or responsibility in this process of sanctification?
4. Comment on the process of sanctification, being set apart, being made holy. Where are you? What areas is He working in your life?
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5. Can you identify with the prophet Isaiah’s experience? Has God shown you His goodness, forgiveness, and grace? Have you experienced His incredible power and splendor? What was your response? Did you become closer to God? What holy activities brought you to that place of experiencing God in such a powerful way? How can I go and be sent like Isaiah was?

Take a Step

- What is one thing you can do this week to put this message into practice?
- Commit to pray and fast to consecrate yourself to the Lord.
- Choose to attend one of our nights of prayer at the church property from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Here’s My Prayer

- Thank you, God, for setting me apart and making me holy, just as You are holy. Please help me to consistently place myself in holy proximity and activity to keep me aware of this calling to be holy. Give me eyes to see You in my everyday life and allow me to share Your goodness with others. You bring me to.