
THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS – SPLENDOR AND HONOR



⁹ Worship the LORD in the
splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all
the earth!
Psalm 96:9

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!”

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Isaiah 6:1-5

Definition and Essential Meaning of Holiness

Holiness describes the unique, set apart quality of God that distinguishes Him from all creation and anything that is sinful or impure.

Hebrew (קדוש - qadōsh) and Greek (ἅγιος - hágios) terms conveying separation and moral purity.

- Transcendence – He is infinitely above His creation (Isaiah 46:5)
- Absolute righteousness – moral perfection (Matthew 5:48)
- Holiness in action – He's just in judgement (Exodus 15:11)
- Pure in love – redemption of humanity (John 3:16)

Christ's substitutionary sacrifice (Positional Holiness)

²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21

- Burnt offering – Jesus offered Himself as a spotless Lamb of God.
- Grain offering (flour) – perfect character in word and deed.
- Fellowship offering – the peace we have with God.
- Sin offering – Jesus' death on the cross where He took every sin of those who would believe in Him.
- Guilt offering – payment for our sin against others.

Christ's substitutionary sacrifice (Practical Holiness)

(NIV) 7 For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

1 Thessalonians 4:7

“The true church understands that it must live a disciplined life. Although our High Priest loves us in spite of our weaknesses and failures, He encourages us to be a holy people because He is a holy God. Holiness may be unpopular subject in some churches, but holiness in the Christian life is a precious treasure in God's sight.” - A. W. Tozer

Lifestyle of holiness (moral purity)

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

Ephesians 5:1-5

Lifestyle of unholiness

Sexual Immorality

adultery

fornication

sex texting

one-night stand

hookup

friends with benefits (FWB)

booty call

casual dating with sex

emotional desire

Covetousness/Greediness

fame & power

relationships & personal

blessings

constant comparison

greed for admiration

cheating

jealous

envy of others happiness

resenting others well-

being

Impurity

sexual jokes

body shaming jokes

mockery

mindless gossip

filthy talk

profanity

swearing

degrading

hollow compliment

to manipulate

Conclusion

1. We can worship God in holiness (our consecration is in and through Christ)
2. Our obedience should produce good works.
3. Our obedience should separate us from the world around us.
4. Our obedience should bring glory to God.
5. Through obedience we should be light bearers in this dark world.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Psalm 19:11

Let's Pray