

## Be Holy – Part 2 of 2, HOW we get there



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*All scriptures are NKJV unless noted otherwise.*

**Summary:** quick review of part 1 and what “holy” means, then more information on God’s holiness in us and HOW we “get there”; the KEY to growing in holiness. Please view part 1 of the sermon first. Can we lose God’s spirit? If you have God’s spirit, do you still have the carnal nature? Whose kingdom do your actions show you seek? That and much more

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***Story on video of being asked to kiss ring of the “holy father” Cardinal when I was in Boy Scouts in the Philippines. I refused. (post pic of a cardinal or pope having ring kissed)***

**Probably most of us grew up thinking “being holy” was for other people, people not like us. I think most think that “holy people” are generally a bit odd, dour, loners, and not much fun – or, depending on your life background – you may think holy people are like **Catholic cardinals**, the Dalai Lama or priests or Buddhist priests or people who isolate themselves – nuns and priests. Not me though.**

**I ask you... how many sermons have you heard on being holy** where you attend services in the past 2 years? Probably not many. It’s not “as interesting” a topic to most. And yet it’s so vital! Without holiness we don’t get to see the Lord (Hebrews 12:14).

***Hello everyone. I’m Philip Shields, and this is LIGHT on the ROCK.*** Welcome to today’s concluding message, part 2 of 2, on our high, high, high calling to be holy ones in the holy kingdom of God.

**PLEASE listen to Part 1 for the foundation of this topic.**

Scripture is clear though. You and I have been called to be HOLY and live a holy life now regardless of how sinful your or my past have been. It’s an

amazing testimony to God's grace actually that he can take someone like you or me and make us holy. As I pointed out last time, *we cannot make ourselves holy, consecrated or set-apart*. But we are indeed called to be holy and today we'll discuss in more detail HOW we become holy and grow in holiness.

***1 Peter 1:15-16***

***"as He who has called you is holy, YOU also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, 'BE holy, for I am holy.'"***

How important is this? Without holiness we won't even see our Lord.

***Hebrews 12:14***

***"Pursue peace with all people, and HOLINESS, without which no one will see the Lord;"***

***Holiness SHOULD BE JOYFUL way of life***

**Being truly holy – God's way – should be a normal and fun way of life.** But we've heard of monasteries where you're not allowed to speak much or have to take a vow of poverty and so on. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David and many other holy people in scripture were not poor.

But when we're holy, we won't be having tons of guilt, nursing hangovers, or worrying if we got someone pregnant or not – no, living a holy life is actually fun. We're not all drugged up or beat up because we were in bad company. (Of course in times of religious persecution, we have to be willing to face trouble.)

**Jesus** – whom I call by his Hebrew name Yeshua – **was obviously MOST holy human ever – but his very first miracle was producing top notch red wine** from scores of gallons of water at a wedding party! After the party had already consumed the wine the hosts had brought, he made lots more. He was called a person who could enjoy his food and drink – accused of being a "glutton and a winebibber" (Matthew 11:19 post) and a friend of people not commonly regarded as good people!

***Matthew 11:19***

***"The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' But wisdom is justified by her children."***

So being holy should be normal. And the more we grow in holiness, the more we reflect and demonstrate the presence of God in us, who tells us that in his presence is joy forevermore. God likes joy. God likes wholesome pleasure.

***Psalms 16:7***

“You will show me the path of life;  
**In Your presence is fullness of JOY;**  
**At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”**

So I wanted to and needed to quash this notion that being holy can't be fun or normal!

**REMINDER – WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE HOLY?**

**Covered in part 1 – the Hebrew and Greek words for “holy” are qadosh (Hebrew) and hagios (Greek) – both pointing to being SET APART, CONSECRATED to our God for his use and purposes.**

We're the “called out ones” – called out to be different, to be *special*, to be consecrated. NOT “holier than thou” though (Isa 58 – God hates that).

**Leviticus 20:24-26**

But I have said to you, "You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey."

**I am YHVH your God, who HAS SEPARATED YOU from the peoples.**

(NIV, Berean, -- “who has *set you apart*”

CEV – “*chosen you to be different from the rest* of the people”)

**Continuing now in Lev 20:25-26**

**You shall therefore distinguish between clean animals and unclean....**

**26 And you shall be holy (SET APART) to Me, for I YHVH am holy, and have SEPARATED YOU from the peoples, that you should be Mine.”**

**How are we doing so far?** Are we living a life that clearly is different and separated from the rest – or is that not so clear?

If your differences from all those around you, **if being HOLY was a capital crime**, for which you could be executed, would the evidence of your holiness/set-apartness be so overwhelmingly obvious, that you would be condemned by man's law?

**Even when God gave Israel the clean and unclean meats laws, all that was remind them** they are not to be like other nations and cultures – even down to the kind of food they ate; to be discriminating of what is clean and unclean in everything they do.

Have you noticed that before, in Leviticus 11? At the END of it, God tells them His REASON for having a list of clean and unclean meat is to teach us – 24/7 -

- to distinguish between the unclean and the clean...not just in what we eat, but in everything we do!

**Leviticus 11:44-47**

44 For I am YHVH your God. You shall **therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall be holy (SET-APART); for I am holy.** Neither shall you defile yourselves with any creeping thing that creeps on the earth. 45 For I am YHVH who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, **to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.**

46 "This is the law of the animals and the birds and every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps on the earth,  
47 **to distinguish between the unclean and the clean,** and between the animal that may be eaten and the animal that may not be eaten."

Our Creator is saying he wants us very aware of everything we're doing – to be sure it comports to the holy set-apart, special, sanctified standards of being holy to our God.

Remember someone or something becomes “set-apart” or holy when: **our God puts his presence there – it becomes holy – or when He declares something “set-apart”, holy – whether it be dirt or a utensil used in the tabernacle.**

- Even the ground of his presence as Moses found out Exodus 3:1-8
- The holy angels
- Holy Sabbath – the 7<sup>th</sup> day became sanctified by God's presence in it Gen 2:1-4
- Exodus 19:6 – Israel, all 12 tribes, were called to be holy, meaning set-apart, to be a special people to show God's ways, God's laws and Torah.
- We in the new covenant are holy (saints) people, a holy temple, a holy nation of God. 2 Peter 2:5, 9

Question for you: Can GOD himself call certain people “holy” even if they don't have his holy spirit? Can you think of any examples?

**Possible SURPRISE – OTHERS WHO ARE HOLY (set-apart)**

Now here's a surprise perhaps: does it always take God's spirit residing in someone to make someone holy? Can you think of any exceptions to that? Holy God himself sometimes will declare someone *holy who does not even have his spirit.* That's God's prerogative to do that!

**1 Corinthians 7:13-14**

“And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him.

14 For **the unbelieving husband is sanctified [set apart] by the wife**, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, **but now THEY [our children] ARE HOLY.**”

Our holy God can and does declare someone’s unconverted, carnal husband or wife to be holy – *because of* the spirit-filled spouse. **The same applies to your children** – who, even *before* they have God’s spirit – are also declared “holy” by the believing parent(s). ***YOUR life of holiness***, of responding to God’s call, **puts your CHILDREN in a special, holy category!** Let that sink in.

*Are you seeing how vital it is that we live a set-apart, pleasing-to-God kind of life? The way you respond to your holy calling affects others! In Malachi 2:14-15, God warns us to be careful how we deal with our wife. Read verse 14 up here...we have to be SO aware how important our wife, your husband and our marriages are to God. I have sermons recently on how our marriages are to depict Christ and the Church.*

**Malachi 2:14-15**

Yet you say, "For what reason?"

Because YHVH has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth,  
With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion  
**And your wife by covenant.**

15 But did He not make them ONE, *Having a remnant of the Spirit?*

***And why one? He seeks godly offspring.***

Therefore take heed to your spirit,

And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.”

The end of verse 15 is an admonition to men not to break their marriage covenant of fidelity; not to be committing adultery. God considers adultery “dealing treacherously” to their wife.

Because you, the spirit-filled believer, are praying for your children, because you take your calling seriously, our God says your children are special, holy as He seeks a godly offspring. The way you live your holy life can impact your kids dramatically.

Even Apostle Peter told the people gathered on Pentecost in Acts 2, that they too, needed to remember that God’s call, his open door to his holy kingdom was open not just to them, but to their children... “and as many as the Lord *our* God will call!”

**Acts 2:38-39**

Then Peter said to them, "**Repent**, and let every one of you be **baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins**; and you shall receive **the gift of the Holy Spirit**.

39 For *the promise is to you AND to your CHILDREN*, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

If you see no holiness in your children, especially grown children, don't despair. Claim this promise, reminding God that he said your children are holy. Ask God to bring them gently to repentance and holiness.

So someone or something becomes holy by God's presence or by God declaring them to be holy – whether they have his spirit or not (as your children, for example; and Israel, for example).

Being holy, truly set-apart, is a thing of BEAUTY. David and others proclaimed that we worship our God Most High, and our Lord and Master Yeshua the Son of God – "in the BEAUTY OF HOLINESS."

**1 Chronicles 16:29**

"Give to YHVH the glory due His name;  
Bring an offering, and come before Him.

***Oh, worship YHVH in the beauty of holiness!***"

And imagine how special we should feel if we would grasp this: Yeshua said this: "MY FATHER and I will come and reside inside you." – John 14:23 (POST)

Paul says several times that God himself, not just GOD's spirit, but God himself says "I will dwell in them" – 2 Cor. 6:16

And again in Ephesians 2:22 – we become "the dwelling place of God".

**How beautiful is that?!!**

*I hope you're feeling like I'm feeling... a lot of repentance is overdue for not valuing as deeply as we can that Most Holy God himself resides in us. We haven't been giving this concept of living a holy life the focus we should be giving it.*

*Living a holy life also means being super aware that we are no longer a part of this world's kingdom ruled by Satan for now. Again, I repent, and you probably need to as well for not coming out of this world as much as we should. We need to all wake up and get zealous for God again.*

## **THE LESSON OF REBEKAH'S 2 CHILDREN**

Abraham's son Isaac married Rebekah. At first, she was barren. But look what happens – and I'll explain how this story pertains to our topic.

### **Genesis 25:21-23**

Now Isaac pleaded with YHVH for his wife, because she was barren; YHVH granted his plea, and Rebekah his wife conceived. 22 But the **children struggled together within her**; and she said, "If all is well, why am I like this?" So she went to inquire of YHVH.

23 And YHVH said to her:

**"Two nations are in your womb,**

Two peoples shall be separated from your body;

One people shall be stronger than the other,

And the older shall serve the younger."

One of the twins was Jacob – renamed Israel later on. The other was Esau – also called Edom – who fought Israel constantly for the past hundreds of years. Even the HEROD line of kings was from Edom (Herod the Idumean).

Could this struggling between 2 cultures in Rebekah's womb have represented the struggle we face when we are called and developing in holiness while still having our old nature as well?

## **PART OF GOD'S NEW KINGDOM'S WAY, THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

To be holy is to be called out from those around us, from out of the world into his Kingdom. *And until we are changed to glorious spirit bodies, there should always be an ongoing fight inside us. It's 2 kingdoms battling it out inside us* UNTIL we put on perfection when our change comes. **All this was depicted by Rebekah's 2 twins struggling inside of her.**

**Being holy entails becoming a part of *our GOD'S* kingdom** and identifying with the kingdom of GOD, and not with the temporary thrills of this world's kingdom. I speak to many of you who are beginning to identify again with this world. And I have had to wake myself up too and repent as well.

Our God's presence in us gives us HIS NATURE ... and it has to grow.

So those of us called out now are to relate to the kingdom of GOD – not to this world.



But since we now have two natures inside us – the carnal nature and the Spirit of God the Father himself inside us – there’s a constant WAR going on. *Or there should be war, anyway* – between the pulls of the flesh/sin fighting God’s nature that wants to turn away from that?

**2 Peter 1:1-3**

Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have obtained like precious faith with us *BY the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:*

2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,

3 as **HIS divine power has given to us all things** that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be **PARTAKERS of the DIVINE NATURE**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

We still give in to the old nature, all too frequently, as Paul admits, but he also says he sometimes was still doing things that he hated. He hated the old way. WE must come to hate the carnal nature’s pull on us too.

So this is why so much of the New Covenant scriptures talk about not conforming to our former lusts and former ways... it should be a fight we engage in, with gusto! We all still have our old carnal nature wanting us to continue to get drunk, or to eat more than we should, to speak profanity, to lie when convenient, to lust sexually, to do things not godly in other words. Or to participate in movies, shows, entertainment that glorifies sin – which our Father and our Savior would not want to watch with you! Amos 3:3 – two can’t walk together unless they be agreed. Would you act, speak and conduct yourself the way you do if you could literally see God right there beside you all the time? You know you wouldn’t. So that has to change.

For example, why would our holy God want you – his chosen child-- to find entertainment in watching sinners sin? In watching them blow each other away in action films, or seduce someone into adultery or fornication, or in one flagrant lie after lie? WHY? If you’re letting God’s holiness live inside you, you and I will NOT find joy in any of that!

**Galatians 5:16-17**

**“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.**  
17 *For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish*

*Contemporary English Version v.17*



“The Spirit and your desires are enemies of each other. They are always fighting each other and keeping you from doing what you feel you should.”

I ask: which nature inside us are we feeding, strengthening, paying attention to?

Then Paul goes on to discuss the works of the flesh – and he says if we keep doing these things – adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, envy, drunkenness – etc. – **“those who practice such things will NOT inherit the kingdom of God” (v. 19-21).**

**Galatians 5:19-21**

**“Now the works of the flesh are evident**, which are: **adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness**, 20 idolatry, sorcery, **hatred**, contentions, jealousies, **outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies**, 21 **envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like**; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, **that those who practice such things will NOT inherit the kingdom of God”**.

Then he speaks of the fruit of God’s spirit and how we’re supposed to have crucified our flesh with its passions (verses 22-24).

But there should be a WAR going on. You still have your old carnal nature, like Paul even admitted. We must be aware there’s a war going on to get you to lose, to quit, to fail... and we must and will prevail through Christ.

We can’t participate in anything God would call “unclean”.

**2 Corinthians 6:17-18**

Therefore

***“Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord.***

***Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.”***

18 *“I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,”*  
says the Lord Almighty.”

After God’s word of welcoming into his holy family, the theme continues in chapter 7. Notice:

**2 Corinthians 7:1**

“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let **us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness** of the flesh and spirit, **PERFECTING HOLINESS in the fear of God”**.

Peter picks this up too, after stating this whole world’s kingdom of Satan is going to be burned up, says this:

**2 Peter 3:11**

“Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, **what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness...**”

**So great, we have to be holy. But how do we perfect holiness? How do we get there?**

**GROWING IN HOLINESS – the KEY**

Remember we are the tabernacle or temple of God’s presence today. We are. The key to perfecting holiness, to becoming more and more like God – is told in the story of what happened when Moses and Aaron dedicated God’s tabernacle in the wilderness. You and I should dedicate *our* tabernacle, in our wilderness time too... but watch this.

**Exodus 40:34-35**

“Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, **and the glory of YHVH FILLED the tabernacle. 35 And Moses was not able to enter** the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, **and the glory of YHVH filled the tabernacle.**”

What is this telling us, we who are the *living* tabernacles today? To me it says when *we* are *filled* with God’s holy presence, *there is no room left* works of the flesh. Remember our heavenly father and the Son of God both come literally live inside us!

**John 14:23**

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, **and We will come to him and make Our home with him.**"

Yeshua once said this too – that there was nothing of Satan inside Christ. NOTHING!

**John 14:30-31**

“I will no longer talk much with you, for *the ruler of this world* ( that is Satan - 2 Cor. 4:4) is coming, **AND he has NOTHING in me.**  
But that the world may know that I love the Father, and **as the Father gave me commandment, so I do.** Arise, let us go from here.”

The resurrected Christ is now our life (Colossians 3:2-3). HE is now in us. As they walked through the Kidron valley on the way to the garden of Gethsemane, Yeshua went deeper on this topic – and he tells us all the keys to perfecting holiness!

**John 15:1-6**

***“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. **As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.*****

**5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. *He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.* 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned."**

If we really believe that our God and his Son abide in us by God's spirit, we should be begging God to *fill our lives* with his glory, as happened in Moses' day with the tabernacle and in Solomon's day with the temple.

**2 Chronicles 7:1-3**

**“When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; **and the glory of YHVH FILLED the temple.****

**2 And the priests could not enter the house of YHVH, because the glory of YHVH had FILLED the Lord's house. 3** When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they *bowed their faces to THE GROUND ON THE PAVEMENT, and worshiped and praised YHVH*, saying:

**"For He is good, For His mercy endures forever."**

We become the habitation of God (Eph. 2:22). His holy temple. How? Why? Because his holy presence has made us holy. We have to keep his dwelling place – our own bodies now -- clean. We must be taking stock of how pleasing we are to God. We must not be hearers of the word only, but doers – people who are changing, growing in obedience, repenting often, as we let God's presence so *fill* us that there's simply NO room left for our carnal ways.

God should come so powerfully into you and into me, if we are responding to his calling for us to be dedicated to him, for his special use of our lives to his glory – that in a PERFECT case, **there's simply no room for works of the flesh!** Or of identifying at all with this present evil world.

**But warning: HOLY people can be defiled by what is unclean.** Go back and study **Haggai 2:10-13**. Something holy (including you and I) can be defiled by the unclean. But the holy doesn't make the unclean suddenly holy. We cannot be tampering with what is unholy and unclean and disobedient to God – and expect to say holy. We

simply cannot. Our holy God will not remain inside us forever if we persist in a walk He's not in agreement with. Two can't walk together unless they are agreed (Amos 3:3)

David certainly knew this. God will leave if we continue in a life of sin.

Don't forget: Our God gave King Saul his Holy Spirit – and it says Saul was turned into a different man (1 Samuel 10:1-10), but because Saul continued in a life that was not godly, God eventually took away his holy spirit.

**1 Samuel 16:13-14**

“Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and **the Spirit of YHVH came upon David** from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.

**14 But the Spirit of YHVH DEPARTED FROM Saul**, and a distressing spirit from YHVH troubled him.”

David knew that. So when David repented of his murder of Uriah and the adultery with Uriah's only wife, look at David's wording in his prayer of repentance:

**Psalms 51:1-2**

“Have mercy upon me, O God,  
According to Your lovingkindness;  
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,

**Blot out my transgressions.**

**2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
And cleanse me from my sin”.**

**Psalms 51:7**

“**Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow”.**

**Psalms 51:10-11**

“**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

11 Do not cast me away from Your presence,  
***And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.”***

David knew he had to get back to his God. And his one true God knew it. So David's son was sick for a week, so David would pray and fast non-stop as he really sought his God to restore that holiness that David had been losing. Our God is creator. HE is the one who creates our new clean heart (Ps 51:10) and renews His spirit within us.

**“FEED” the Divine Nature in you**

**Earlier we discussed that we now have 2 natures inside us: the divine nature of God and the carnal nature we already had. Which one will be dominant in you?**

**I asked earlier, which NATURE do we feed? Whose kingdom are we focused on – the kingdom of heaven or Satan’s kingdom? Do we *behave* like the Kingdom of God is where our hearts are? The more we focus on and feed God’s nature, the holier our lives will be.**

- **Make Paul’s goal your goal – “That I may KNOW him and the power of HIS resurrection” – Philippians 3:9-11 – the risen Christ living in us. Do you feel *you intimately know* your God? Does he know you? Or will he say, “I never knew you, depart from me, you workers of lawlessness” (Matthew 7:21-23).**
- **Lesson of the manna, which pictures God’s word. They had to pick it up first thing in the day, every day, before it got hot .Exodus 16:21 Do you have that habit of putting God FIRST – in morning prayer and Bible study? Don’t have time? Then we have to refocus our priorities and spend less time on Facebook or TV or whatever else we are putting before God.**
- **So DAILY study of God’s word.** It’s a way our Father speaks to us. Pray before beginning your Bible study. We’ll be judged by how much we’ve done with what we’ve been given. In the “old days” nobody could afford a Bible book scroll. Today we can have multiple translations on our i-phone!
- **DAILY praying to our God** – many times a day in shorter prayers and at least 2-3x on our knees if you’re able to get down on knees, every single day.
  - **Take time to LISTEN** as you pray. Stop talking sometimes and tell your Father you have note and pen ready to listen... sooner or later you will discern your Father’s voice telling you things either right then – or in days to come. HEAR God’s voice speak to you. I have sermons on “Hearing God’s voice”.
- **Refusing the ways of Satan – anything contrary to our God’s way.**
- **Devote some days in FASTING** – in special time of prayer and study and devotion. When *was* the last time you fasted and devoted the day to God?

**CONSCIENCE and STRIVING TO HEAR GOD’S VOICE and act on it**

God gave us all a conscience. But our consciences have to be educated by God’s word. Then when we steer away from God, our consciences will alert us – like an early warning system that we’re heading for disaster. If we don’t heed, then our consciences can be seared (1 Timothy 4:2). Do a Bible study on conscience. Paul says a LOT about it!

I'm saying we will grow in holiness if we learn to heed our conscience when God uses it to direct us and keep us on the right path. Don't ignore it. But God will talk to us. He has not gone mute.

**I preach a WAKE-UP call to you – and to me.**

- It's time now to do what David did. Repent of where we've been failing.
- It's time now to LIVE like we really are part of the Kingdom of God – and not of this world.
- It's past time now to get zealous... to spend more time in prayer and Bible study than we do on Facebook.
- It's way past time now to repent of any Laodicean attitude, any dead Sardis type attitudes, any compromising Thyatiran attitudes – and ask God to help us restore our first love for him. You know, the messages to the 7 churches of Revelation 2 and 3 from Christ.

***Colossians 1:21-23***

“And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now **HE** has reconciled 22 in the body of *His* flesh through death, to ***PRESENT you HOLY, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight*** –

**23 IF indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away** from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.”

So I can't make myself holy. But I can continue in the faith. I can guard, keep, protect, honor and be aware of my set-apart holy calling – just like we keep, guard, protect and honor the sabbath day, we now do the same in all we are, all we do, all we write – yes, even on Facebook.... To represent our holy God and our holy calling as his holy children.

I cannot make myself more holy – but ***I CAN MAKE MORE ROOM for HIM WHO ALONE IS TRULY, FULLY, HOLY*** – holy Yeshua and my holy Father – I can make much more room and time for them to FILL my life with their glory like the glory of God filled the Tabernacle in the wilderness! PRAY for what Yeshua said – to start happening for you too: “the ruler of this world has *nothing* in me”. (John 14:30). And let's become fiercer holy warriors *fighting* sin and compromises in our lives.

You've been called to be holy, to perfect holiness in the fear of God, to cleanse yourself from sins of the flesh that make us unclean... and if we are faithful, we will come with Christ to set up a new reign on this earth, For those who will be with Christ, are the “Called, chosen and faithful” (Rev. 17:14).

So, my holy brothers and sisters – one more thing we can do perhaps. **Form a pack with someone who is a dear friend, a brother** or sister in Christ, and ask him or her – “remind me, tell me, when you see me or hear me going in a direction away from the set-apart, special holy and high calling that our God has given us. And if you want, I’ll do the same for you.”

And fight for – in prayer – your brothers and sisters you see sliding back into Satan’s world.

Let’s be holy, for our God is holy. And only those who are holy will see the Lord.