

# **“BE HOLY, for I am holy” Part 1 of 2**

## **GOD’S URGENT CALL TO HOLINESS**



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**Summary:** *Are you holy? Do you even want to be holy? I feel many of God’s children need to recommit to a life of holiness, for without it we won’t see God (Heb. 12:14). Who is holy? What groups are called holy? HOW do we become holy? How do we lose holiness? What’s it like to be holy? This is a vital topic.*

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***I have a couple questions for you today:***

- *Are you “HOLY”? Would you even want to be “holy”?*
- *Would you say you are “holy” -- or would you be reticent to do so? Do you accept you are holy – or do you feel that is just not “you”?*

***Is being “holy” even IMPORTANT to you?*** *When was the last time you’ve thought about it, or heard a whole sermon on it? And yet... look at this...!*

***Hebrews 12:14***

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

***No one will even get to see Christ or our Father in heaven unless we are HOLY.*** That’s what it says. Do I have your attention now?

***So hello and welcome everyone to our free website Light on the Rock. I’m Philip Shields, your host.*** I encourage you all to browse around our website – as it has hundreds of blogs, sermons and now we’re doing videos.

Frankly, I’ve been sobered deeply by taking on this topic. I always start my sermons *as a study for my own self, and I’ve been punched hard on this topic. I think many of God’s children have* been getting lukewarm, shallow, and taking it easy on less-than-holy lives and behavior in recent years. I preach to myself, on this topic, believe me. I need it too.

God’s children have been called to be holy children of God Most High. This topic surely must rank up there in some of the most vital ones to study.

**Pentecost** is coming up soon (May 31, 2020). It was on Pentecost (Acts 2) when God’s children received the down-payment or earnest of God’s presence, his own HOLY Spirit, so the topic of holiness is so timely right now.

I think with this Corona virus pandemic going on that we need to all really wake up to this point. How soon before Christ returns? Is this the beginning of a *series of plagues*, one after another? Even President Trump has called this Covid-19 virus “the plague” (**video**)

So we have to wake up! The time left before Christ returns could be short!

**So we’re talking about being holy in this 2-part message:**

- **WHY we need holiness** – one reason – you won’t see God without it. (Hebrews 12:14)
- **WHO are the ones the Bible says are holy?**
- **WHAT does “holy” even mean?** There are so many misconceptions. It doesn’t mean we’re sinless or are perfect 100% of the time.
- **WHEN does one become holy?**
- And, very importantly, **HOW do we become holy?**

We’ve heard people say derisively perhaps in the past, “You’re so holy...” –and so we shy away from it.

But here’s what God says:

***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.’”***

*Peter is quoting from Leviticus 11:44*

**CONCEPTS OF HOLINESS AND HOLY PEOPLE**

When I say “holy man” or “holy woman” – what PICTURE comes to mind? Frankly almost every oil painting of early holy people or saints - is one of

people who look very serious, even DOUR. You don’t see them smiling or laughing or having a good time, that’s for sure.

***Do you see any depictions of HOLY people at a wedding FEAST? With A GLASS of wine or beer in their hands and having a good time? NO, you never do. They’re often in white, or have a glowing halo over their head, and you don’t ever see them cutting up, or laughing or having a good time!***

Yes, I know all the scriptures about being sober and taking life seriously – as the ones to whom Paul and Peter and others wrote, were constantly in parties and revelries and temple prostitutes and all that as a matter of course.

***Don’t forget Jesus was accused – falsely – of being a man who liked his wine and could enjoy a feast or a party! Our Savior liked to eat, liked to drink with his meal and had a good time! I hope you realize that.***

***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.”**

Bonus point: folks, the Bible is OK with having some wine or alcohol in moderation. It’s against drunkenness. Just like having sex in marriage is great. Just don’t have sex outside of marriage. So yes, I drink a beer or glass of wine about once or twice a week. That’s OK! Saints can do that.

The very son of God, the holiest of the holy people ever to walk the earth – in his FIRST miracle multiplied the fine wine at the wedding feast at Cana (John 2). AFTER they had consumed all the wine already, he made more wine – dozens and dozens of gallons more! They were happy, I promise!

So there’s a balance. We refrain from orgies and revelry, but saints CAN enjoy a good time even as we seriously consider the epic times in which we live!

So God and his Son and those who are of His family – are happy, content and yet holy people! In fact we’re told in God’s presence is... JOY.

***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.”**

Do you “see” and believe in God’s HOLY presence is great JOY and “pleasures forevermore”? And he’s the epitome of being holy.

So one reason you may not wish to be considered “holy” is that you have formed wrong impressions of that word! And I’m NOT talking about **the Holiness Movements** in the past 2 centuries. They made it all too complicated. It really isn’t complicated.

Neither am I talking about the mental images we conjure up when we say “holy man”. No I do not mean a fat bellied Buddha, I do not mean we should picture the Dalai Lama or even the pope – who is referred to as “holy Father” – when Yeshua clearly said “Don’t be calling people your spiritual teachers or spiritual father” (like Catholics do their priests).

**Matthew 23:8-12 (Our Messiah speaking)**

“But you, **do not be called 'Rabbi'**; for One is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brethren.

9 Do not call anyone on earth your **father**; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven.

10 And do not be called **teachers**; for One is your Teacher, the Christ.

11 But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant.”

So no, I would never call a priest or the Pope “holy father” or anything like that. That title is reserved for our God. He goes on to say by the way that those who exalt themselves will be abased. So the highest-ranking spiritual leaders of the Roman church, just one notch below the Pope, are called what? Cardinals. That means “most important”. No, no, no – we’re all supposed to be equal brothers and sisters in Christ – the Messiah himself says in verse 8. I have never called my physical brother “Mr. Shields”, nor allow people to call *me* Mr. Shields. I always urge them to use my first name, “as we’re brothers”.

So forget all the wrong mental images of what truly “holy” people must be like. “HOLY” people – like our Messiah – were fun to be around. OK sure, he had strong castigation at the fake religious leaders of his time on earth... but people found him friendly and someone who could also enjoy a good time.

*But herein is also the misunderstanding: BEING HOLY – does NOT mean FLAWLESS in our conduct and thinking. How can I say that? Because the Corinthian brethren were called “holy ones” (saints) but that group was full of problems. It frankly can’t mean perfection in this life. For NOBODY – even with his spirit – is flawless on his/her own yet, even WITH God’s spirit. It means something else, and we will get into it.*

So this will be a 2-part sermon – so we’ll talk about:

- WHAT is the MEANING of “holiness”?
- WHO alone is ultimately holy?
- Who besides God are also called “holy”?
- How does a person, building or item or day become holy?
- What can we do to become holy – or to maintain holiness
- How do we lose holiness?

Without holiness you and I won’t see the Lord. But of course TRUE children of God – who are and will be holy – will see God.

**1 John 3:2 NKJV**

“Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, **we shall be like Him, for we shall SEE Him as He is**”. [But NOT without holiness -Heb 12:14]

**WHAT DOES ‘HOLY’ MEAN?**

Pause for a minute and tell me... how would you define “Holy”? What does holy or holiness mean?

**In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for “holy” is “qadosh” or “kadosh”. We always lose some nuance when we translate, but the primary meaning from the Hebrew is “set-apart for holy use” – similar to “sanctify”.**

In the New Testament, **the Greek word for holy is “HAGIOS”** – which also refers to “something or someone **devoted and set apart to be dedicated to God** and his holiness; to be God-like”. It refers to holy people (*hagioi*) who are separated from sin and consecrated to God.

Does being “set apart to be devoted to God” describe you and me? If not, we need to deeply repent, refocus and get with it... for times are serious and time is short.

We are lights and godly lives sent INTO the world, but not part of it. – John 17:15-17.

**So some groups use the words “set-apart” instead of “holy” whenever you might read the word “holy” in your scriptures. The “set-apart spirit”, a “set-apart nation”, a “set-apart people” for Holy Spirit, Holy nation, holy people.**

**“HOLY” in the Old Covenant is the Hebrew word “QADOSH” meaning “to sanctify, to SET APART for holy use”. To be “separate” from profane use.**

**Similar to New Covenant Greek “HAGIOS” – same meaning; devoted, set-apart; dedicated to God and his holy use.**

**So even the 7<sup>th</sup> day sabbath day** was a day consecrated and devoted by God when HE put his presence into it, setting it apart as HIS sabbath day for us – long before there were Jews or Israelites around. Genesis 2:1-3. The 7<sup>th</sup> day is holy because God put his holy presence into it, and HE set it apart (sanctified it).

**Genesis 2:2-3**

“And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. 3 ***Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it***, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.”

**I’ll post here in the notes what Vine’s Expository says about holiness and “holy”, though I won’t take time to read it all.**

VINE’S EXPOSITORY DICTIONARY OF OT Biblical WORDS says:

“**HOLY** -- In the Old Testament **qadosh** has a strongly religious connotation. In one sense the word **describes an object or place or day to be "holy" with the meaning of "devoted" or "dedicated" to a particular purpose:** "And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel..." Numbers 5:17. Particularly the sabbath day is "devoted" as a day of rest: "If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy **pleasure on my holy day**; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord..." **Isaiah 58:13-14**. The prescription is based on Genesis 2:3 where the Lord "sanctified," or "dedicated," the sabbath. God has dedicated Israel as His people. They are "holy" by their relationship to the "holy" God.”

For the New Testament – Vines says:

**HOLINESS**

Adjective – holy.

**1. hagios fundamentally signifies "separated"** (among the Greeks, dedicated to the gods), and hence, **in Scripture in its moral and spiritual significance, separated from sin and therefore consecrated to God, sacred.**

(a) It is predicated of God (as the absolutely "Holy" One, in His purity, majesty and glory): **of the Father**, e. g., Luke 1:49; John 17:11; 1 Peter 1:15,16; Revelation 4:8; 6:10; **of the Son**, e. g., Luke 1:35; Acts 3:14; 4:27,30; 1 John 2:20; **of the Holy Spirit**, e. g., Matthew 1:18 and frequently in all the Gospels, Acts, Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Ephesians, 1 Thes.; also in 2 Timothy 1:14; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:12; 2 Peter 1:21; Jude 20.

**(b) It is used of men and things (see below) in so far as they are devoted to God.** Indeed the quality, as attributed to God, is often presented in a way which involves **divine demands upon the conduct of believers. These are called hagioi, "saints," i. e., "sanctified" or "holy" ones.**

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It is when something or someone is set-apart for holy use – **like all the articles and items in the tabernacle and temple later** – those items became Holy, because they were set-apart to God's holy use and requested by God.

*WE also have God's indwelling presence*, like the sabbath DAY does, and are to be set-apart of his holy use. It should convict us terribly when we wake up to find ourselves doing or participating in unholy use.

### **2 Corinthians 6:16-18**

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? **For YOU are the temple of the living God.** As God has said:

**"I will dwell in them** and walk among them.

I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

17 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."

In that passage did you notice it was the fact that GOD was initiating a relationship that makes us holy too? Just ponder that...

*Do see feel, see and experience that this true holiness is about GOD, and being separated to HIM, and being a part of HIM inside us, so we live a clean and consecrated life?*

**If HOLY GOD were to sit beside you, walk beside you 24/7, all the time, what would you change in your life?** Remember He's not going to stay with you if and when you lead a way of life that is against his way! Two can't walk together unless they're in agreement (Amos 3:3). He obviously does not leave us the moment we stumble in sin. David asked God to please not take away his Spirit from him – probably months or years after had already killed Uriah. But if we persist in a life of sin, God won't stay. And you won't end up seeing him at all. More on all this in Part 2. So be aware God IS wanting to be in you and walk with you. He is seeing and hearing and participating in all we do.... To a point!

## **WHO ALONE IS ULTIMATELY HOLY?**

### **Ultimately, GOD alone is holy**

#### ***Revelation 15:2-4***

“And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God. 3 They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying:

**"Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty!**

Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints!

4 Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name?

***For YOU ALONE are HOLY.***

For all nations shall come and worship before You,

For Your judgments have been manifested."

Ultimately, though we are all called “holy” if we have God’s spirit – ultimately only God himself is HOLY and can impart holiness. This is critical in understanding this.

David extols the holiness of YHVH over and over – **Psalm 22:3; 99:5, 9; 111:9.**

At Yah’s throne room (**Isaiah 6:3**) the seraphs cry to each other “**HOLY, holy, holy is YHVH** of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

#### **Isaiah 6:1-3**

“In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw **YHVH** (the LORD) sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. 2 Above it stood **seraphim**; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one cried to another and said:

**"Holy, holy, holy is YHVH of hosts;**

The whole earth is full of His glory!"

Isaiah was so affected by the holiness he was viewing – that he lost it! Isaiah felt doomed, ruined, undone – as the next verse says. When we come into the presence of perfect holiness, we feel our own unworthiness in that situation.

This scene is repeated by four living creatures around the throne of God in **Revelation 4:8**, also with six wings -- also cry out “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.”

#### **Revelation 4:8**

“The four living creatures, each having **six wings**, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying:



**‘Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come!’**

So WHO is holy? Almighty God. Jesus himself says in the sample prayer – “Hallowed – HOLY – set-apart – is your name.”

**Matthew 6:9**

“In this manner, therefore, pray:

‘Our Father in heaven, **Hallowed be Your name.**’

**Or, “May YOUR name be honored as holy” – Holman**

**“May YOUR name be kept holy.” - CJB**

**HIS name is the HOLY name.**

**Psalm 111:9 – David says holy and reverend/awesome is HIS name.**

**So all holiness ultimately rests in and comes from God the Father through Christ, the Word of God, his Anointed/Messiah. So we know GOD the Father is holy.** We know his Anointed – Yeshua – is also holy (Psalm 16:10). Peter and Paul both used this very verse to point to Messiah, who is called “Holy One”. (See Acts 2:29-34; Acts 13:35-37).

**Psalms 16:10**

“For You will not leave my soul in Sheol,

**Nor will You allow Your HOLY ONE to see corruption.”**

Mary, the mother of Yeshua was told by the angel, “**the Holy One who is to be born from you will be the Son of God**” (Luke 1:35). **Daniel 9:24** prophesies the time of the Messiah would be a time “to anoint the Most Holy”. So God the Father and the Word/Son of God are holy, MOST holy.

**But who else is called “holy” – and how did they become holy?** We’ll cover that next and then next time we will more deeply define what “holy” is all about, and our responsibility to do all we can to remain holy once we’re given that gift from God, as you’ll see.

So, who ELSE is called “holy”?

**WHO ELSE IS CALLED “holy”?**

**1 Thessalonians 5:27 NKJV/KJV**

“I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read to **all the HOLY brethren.**”

Many newer translations like NIV, Living, ESV, ASB, CJB, Holman, etc. omit “holy” there, as they omit hundreds and hundreds of other words too, by the way.

But there is another verse anyway that says the brethren are holy:

**Hebrews 3:1**

**“Therefore, HOLY brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling,** consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus...”

Peter says it so beautifully. Cherish and drink in of this high calling, brethren!

**1 Peter 2:9 NKJV**

**“But you** are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, **a HOLY NATION, His own special people,** that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...”

In verse 5 Paul calls us “a holy priesthood” – serving under our new High Priest of the order of Melchizedek – Yeshua the Messiah, the Son of God, our Lord and God. How we got to be “holy” is about to be explained... so hang in there.

**1 Peter 2:5**

**“YOU** also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, **A HOLY PRIESTHOOD,** to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

So even the less than perfect Corinthians and so many other brethren were called “saints” or holy ones – what the word “SAINTS” actually means in the New Testament. Forget the Roman Catholic man-made definition of “saints”. GOD declares who is and isn’t a saint – and the brethren were all called “saints” because they were called and consecrated by God to holy service.

**1 Corinthians 1:2 (also Romans 1:7)**

**“To the church of God which is at Corinth, to *those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be SAINTS (holy ones),* with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours;”**

The words “*to be*” in italics are not in the original. Forget the Roman Catholic notion of sainthood. *When God the Father and the Son of God come reside in you and me, that makes us HOLY. You and I have been called to be “God’s HOLY people” –* saints, sanctified, special set-apart people from the rest of the world.

*But clearly, being HOLY does not mean we are sinless, perfect and without fault right now all the time, 24/7 in this life. It means we are set-apart for holy use.*

We’ll see very clearly in Part 2 that we’re being called to a very, very high calling; to be the holy nation of God spiritually, composed of people filled with the presence of God the Father and Jesus Christ personally inside us by their SPIRIT (John 14:23).

**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”.

**Wherever God is – is HOLY!** GOD takes up residence in us and this makes our bodies and spirits holy temples of his own holy presence (1 Cor. 6:19). Oh that you and I would live with that awareness much more. Our spirit in man joins with God’s presence, his spirit – and makes us *ONE SPIRIT with God*...a concept that needs to be developed later

**1 Cor. 6:17 Holman**

“but he who is joined to the Lord is One Spirit with him.”

Ephesians 2:22 says we are being built into a DWELLING PLACE for GOD!”

**Ephesians 2:21-22**

“in whom [in Christ] the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom **YOU ALSO are being built together** for a **DWELLING PLACE FOR GOD** in the Spirit.”

**But Satan hates this. So we’re in a WAR** – but are we even aware of that war? Do we equate the temptations to sin as being the BAIT Satan is laying out to lure you and me to sin? Satan knows your weaknesses and he is going to set his bait and traps out for you on your and my very worst weaknesses – and we better all wake up to see the WAR going on and fight his temptations like crazy!

But the point is – yes, even people, *all of whom were formerly horrible sinners*, can be washed in the blood of the Lamb and have ALL our filth washed away and forgiven – and then we receive the gift of God’s Presence – HIS very own Spirit, the HOLY Spirit. So regardless of what I’ve done in the past, and you’ve done in the past, regardless of what you’ve been in the past, you can be a holy child of the Highest.

My point: GOD IS HOLY. HIS children are holy by his indwelling presence.

**Reminder: WHY is this important? “Without holiness you will not see God” (Heb 12:14).**

**SO who else is called “HOLY” in scripture besides GOD? (P)**

- Brethren filled with God’s own holy spirit are also called Holy ones and “saints” and God’s holy nation. 1 Cor: 1:2; Romans 1:7; 1 Peter 2:5, 9.
- God’s LOYAL angels are called “holy angels”. (Mark 8:38; Luke 9:26; Rev. 14:10)

- **Israel:** YHVH Elohim, our eternal God, had set-apart Israel to be his holy nation on the earth. (Exodus 19:6)

*So HOW do brethren and angels BECOME holy? And how did Israel get to be called a holy nation in Exodus 19:6?*

*So we’ll begin the section on HOW something or someone becomes holy and we’ll cover much, much more yet in part 2.*

### **HOW DID THEY GET TO BE HOLY?**

Since God alone is holy – I cannot make myself holy by myself. There is nothing holy in carnal man. **In fact, Paul clearly says this in romans 7.**

“For in me, that is in my flesh, dwells nothing good...” (Romans 7:14-20)

#### **Romans 7:14-17**

“For we know that **the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin.** 15 For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but **what I hate, that I do.** 16 If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that it is good. 17 **But now, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.**”

#### **Romans 7:18-20**

“**For I know that in me (that is, in my FLESH) NOTHING good dwells;** for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. 19 **For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice.** 20 Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

**But there was something good, something HOLY in Paul** – and in you and me. It’s God himself, who comes into us by God’s SPIRIT, a bit of HIMSELF makes this dirt, that we each are, HOLY.

#### **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.**”

We become the very temple of God’s holy *shekinah* presence and glory and we must guard that holiness. I slip up and have slipped up – and have had to deeply repent

when I do. And so do you! We’ll talk much more about GROWING in holiness in the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of this sermon.

**It is holy Yehovah’s presence or consecration alone that makes someone or something HOLY.**

**Moses at the burning bush – first time Kadosh (holy) is used – is that God’s holy presence had made the DIRT holy ground! Dirt.**

**Exodus 3:1-3 (retold also in Acts 7:30-34)**

“Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And **the Angel of YHVH** appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, "I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

(Notice by the way that it first says the One present was the Messenger/Angel of YHVH – who often is equated with the Word, the One who became Jesus Christ).

**Exodus 3:4-6**

4 So when YHVH saw that he turned aside to look, GOD called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."  
5 **Then He (God) said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is HOLY GROUND."** 6 Moreover **He said, "I am the GOD (Elohim) of your father — the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."** And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon **God.**”

If God can make dirt/ground holy by his presence, he can even make you and me holy.

So Paul teaches that in our carnal fleshly nature, there’s nothing good but God himself comes inside those of us who are called and who turn from this world to HIS world, HIS kingdom. And once we have it, we must wage a war to keep Satan from having us cheapen or sully this holy presence of God himself!

**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.*”

**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,*”

I’m going to spend a lot more time on this concept of perfecting holiness and cleansing ourselves from all filthiness in the part 2 of this message.

**So remember – we won’t see God without holiness. Being holy can be fun and normal!**

- Only God, the Yeshua who IS also God and their presence -- is ultimately holy
- Holiness is being selected by God to be set-apart and devoted to him for his holy use. It does not mean we are always perfect all the time, however.
- ONLY God can ultimately make anything or anyone holy
- WE can defile what is holy by dabbling into the unclean
- We are to work with God in cleansing ourselves from what is unclean

**In part 2, I’ll do a quick review, then get into:**

- **exceptions to the rule – who** else can be holy even without God’s holy spirit?
- How important it is to identify with the kingdom of God and not this world
- Becoming more cognizant of our high calling and call to holiness
- Isaac’s wife’s Rebecca and her 2 nations inside her...
- What’s a holy person really like?
- The WAR against holiness we have to be aware of and involved in; our conduct must be more holy than its been
- Our part in guarding holiness we have been given; cleansing ourselves from uncleanness

So be sure to hear part 2, for without holiness we won’t even ever see God. Heb 12:14.

**CLOSING PRAYER**