

Holiness and the Fear of God

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1 Peter 1:15 NASB

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16 because it is written, "**YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.**"

John 15:1-2 NASB

2 "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, **HE PRUNES** (*kathairo - to prune of useless shoots, cleanse of impurity, purge*) **IT** so that it may bear more fruit.

WHAT IS HOLINESS?

1. ***Holiness is separation for consecration. Separate from all that is carnal, sinful and evil; separated unto God for His service and purpose.***

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 NASB

17 "Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. "And do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you.

18 "And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," says the Lord Almighty.

2. ***Holiness is not a behavior, not the observance of rules, nor a separation of proximity. Holiness is a relationship with a holy God Who works the process of sanctification in the heart of the Christian.***

Hebrews 13:20 NASB

20 Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord,

21 equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

3. ***Sanctification is the growth process of becoming holy, overseen by God the Father, made possible by the death and resurrection of Jesus, administered by the power of the Holy Spirit.***

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 NASB

23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass.

4. ***Holiness is a requirement by God for every Christian. You can come as you are, but you cannot stay as you are.***

Hebrews 12:14 ESV

"Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord."

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2 Corinthians 7:1 NASB

1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, **LET US CLEANSE** (*katharizo - purify from wickedness, free from defilement of sin*) **OURSELVES FROM ALL DEFILEMENT OF FLESH AND SPIRIT, PERFECTING** (*epiteleo - accomplish, execute, compete*) **HOLINESS IN THE FEAR OF GOD.**

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1 Corinthians 15:10 NASB

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me."

2 Corinthians 5:9-11 NASB

9 **THEREFORE WE ALSO HAVE AS OUR AMBITION, WHETHER AT HOME OR ABSENT, TO BE PLEASING TO HIM.**

10 **FOR WE MUST ALL APPEAR BEFORE THE JUDGMENT SEAT** (*bema - judgment seat*) **OF CHRIST, SO THAT EACH ONE MAY BE RECOMPENSED FOR HIS DEEDS IN THE BODY, ACCORDING TO WHAT HE HAS DONE, WHETHER GOOD OR BAD.**

11 **THEREFORE, KNOWING THE FEAR** (*phobos - fear, dread, terror*) **OF THE LORD, WE PERSUADE MEN,** but we are made manifest to God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences.

1 Corinthians 13:12 NASB

"For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known."

Isaiah 6:1-8 NASB

1 In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.

2 Seraphim stood above Him, each having six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

3 And one called out 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 trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke.

5 Then I said, "Woe is me, for I am ruined! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I live among a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts."

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs.

7 He touched my mouth with it and said, "Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven."

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

1 Corinthians 3:11-15 NASB

11 For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

12 Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

13 each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work.

14 If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward.

15 If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.

1 Peter 1:14-19 NASB

14 **AS OBEDIENT CHILDREN, DO NOT BE CONFORMED TO THE FORMER LUSTS WHICH WERE YOURS IN YOUR IGNORANCE,**

15 **BUT LIKE THE HOLY ONE WHO CALLED YOU, BE HOLY (*hagios - set apart exclusively for God, prepared for God, sacred, consecrated, pure, blameless*) YOURSELVES ALSO IN ALL YOUR BEHAVIOR;**

16 because it is written, "**YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.**"

17 **IF YOU ADDRESS AS FATHER THE ONE WHO IMPARTIALLY JUDGES ACCORDING TO EACH ONE'S WORK, CONDUCT YOURSELVES IN FEAR DURING THE TIME OF YOUR STAY ON EARTH;**

18 **KNOWING THAT YOU WERE NOT REDEEMED WITH PERISHABLE THINGS like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,**

19 **BUT WITH PRECIOUS BLOOD, AS OF A LAMB UNBLEMISHED AND SPOTLESS, THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.**

The greater the investment, the greater the expectation for the return.

What return of your sanctification is Jesus receiving for His investment?

2 Peter 3:10-14 NASB

10 **BUT THE DAY OF THE LORD WILL COME LIKE A THIEF, IN WHICH THE HEAVENS WILL PASS AWAY WITH A ROAR AND THE ELEMENTS WILL BE DESTROYED WITH INTENSE HEAT, AND THE EARTH AND ITS WORKS WILL BE BURNED UP.**

11 **SINCE ALL THESE THINGS ARE TO BE DESTROYED IN THIS WAY, WHAT SORT OF PEOPLE OUGHT YOU TO BE IN HOLY CONDUCT AND GODLINESS,**

12 **LOOKING FOR AND HASTENING THE COMING OF THE DAY OF GOD, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!**

13 But according to His promise **WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW HEAVENS AND A NEW EARTH, IN WHICH RIGHTEOUSNESS DWELLS.**

14 **THEREFORE, BELOVED, SINCE YOU LOOK FOR THESE THINGS, BE DILIGENT TO BE FOUND BY HIM IN PEACE, SPOTLESS AND BLAMELESS.**

1 Corinthians 3:16-20 NASB

16 Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

17 **IF ANY MAN DESTROYS (*phtheirō - to corrupt, defile, perish, destroy*) THE TEMPLE OF GOD, GOD WILL DESTROY HIM, FOR THE TEMPLE OF GOD IS HOLY, AND THAT IS WHAT YOU ARE.**

18 **LET NO MAN DECEIVE HIMSELF. IF ANY MAN AMONG YOU THINKS THAT HE IS WISE IN THIS AGE, HE MUST BECOME FOOLISH, SO THAT HE MAY BECOME WISE.**

19 **FOR THE WISDOM OF THIS WORLD IS FOOLISHNESS BEFORE GOD.** FOR IT IS WRITTEN, "HE IS THE
ONE WHO CATCHES THE WISE IN THEIR CRAFTINESS";
20 AND AGAIN, "THE LORD KNOWS THE REASONINGS OF THE WISE, THAT THEY ARE USELESS."