

SUBJECT: HOLINESS – “BE HOLY”

TEXT: Ephesians 1:4. “According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.”

SUMMARY: Having been “declared holy” in Christ, Believers are to walk in holiness.

GOD IS HOLY

- 2 Chronicles 19:7. Wherefore, now, let the fear of the Lord be upon you; take heed and do it: for **there is no iniquity with the Lord our God**, nor respect of persons, nor taking of bribes.
- Isaiah 6:3. And one cried unto another, and said, “**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts**; the whole earth is full of His glory.
- Isaiah 57:15. For thus saith the high and lofty One who inhabiteth eternity, **whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place**, with him also who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

GOD COMMANDS HIS PEOPLE TO BE HOLY

Israel (Old Testament)

- Exodus 19:6. And ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and **a holy nation**.
- Leviticus 20:7. Sanctify yourselves therefore, and **be ye holy**; for I am the Lord your God.

The Church (New Testament)

- 2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1. Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? 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. Therefore, **Come out from among them and be separate**, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.” “I will be a Father to you. And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty.” Therefore, having these promises, beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness** in the fear of God.

- 1 Peter 1:15. But, as He who hath called you is holy, so **be ye holy** in all manner of conversation.

PROVISIONS FOR HOLINESS

The Word of God

- Psalm 119:11. Thy word have I hidden in mine heart, **that I might not sin against thee.**
- John 17:17. **Sanctify** them through thy truth, thy word is truth.

Prayer

- Mark 14:38. **Watch ye and pray,** lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is willing, but the flesh is weak.
- Luke 11:2a, 4b. And He said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father, who art in heaven ... And lead us not into temptation; but **deliver us from evil.**

Our Union with Christ

- Romans 6:6, 7, 11, 12. Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, **that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin.** Likewise, reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Let not sin, therefore, reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in its lusts.

The Holy Spirit

- Romans 8:2. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus **hath made me free from the law of sin** and death.
- Romans 8:13. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye, **through the Spirit, do mortify the deeds of the body,** ye shall live.

Chastisement

- Hebrews 12:10. For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure, but He for our profit, **that we might be partakers of His holiness.**

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