

1 Peter 1:13-16 NLT - 13 So think clearly and exercise self-control. Look forward to the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. 14 So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. 15 But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. 16 For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."

Peter gives some practical instructions for holy living and how it helps us in our everyday battles. What are some of the ways Peter tells us to prepare as we battle our old nature? What do you think God means when He says, "You must be holy because I am holy."?

WRAP-UP

God calls us to be set apart, separated from ungodly or profane things, pure and dedicated to Him. This is what it means to be holy and sanctified. God Himself is holy and if we are to draw near and be the temple of His Holy Spirit, we too need to be holy. But even our holiness comes from the sacrifice of Jesus. Our battle is to be obedient and not slip back into the old nature, but live a resurrected holy life.

MEMORY VERSE.

Ephesians 6:10-11 NLT - 10 A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.

PRAYER (20 MIN)

Ask your group to pray for you regarding one area where you can apply this study in your life _____

Challenge.- Continue to memorize Ephesians 6:10-17

“Holy, Holy, Holy” **Every Day Holy- #2**

INTRODUCTION

Not many of us would describe ourselves as sanctified, or holy. Although depending on the churches you’ve attended you may have been referred to as “saints”. And the word sanctification is such a “churchy” term that most of us just scratch our heads and think, “whatever”. So, it may surprise you to find out that as believers, we are already considered holy and sanctified by God. But if that is going to make a difference in our everyday lives, we need to take a look at just what it means to be sanctified and holy. And how holiness prepares us for our everyday battles.

Ice Breaker

Do you have something that you have set aside for a special purpose, perhaps a set of China that only comes out at Christmas, or clothes you bought for an elegant event that you’ve only worn once?

Key Passage

Romans 6:22 NLT - 22 But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life.

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What it means to be “Holy”

Our concept of being holy has been influenced by our culture to be considered, almost derogatory. “Holier than thou” or “holy rollers” don’t suggest a positive image. Some might view holiness as an unattainable goal of behavior. But in the Bible the word for “holy” and the word “sanctified” come from the

same concept. In the Old Testament the Hebrew word is *qāḏôš* and in the New Testament it is *hagios*. Both words refer to something that is “*set apart, separated from ungodly or profane things, pure and dedicated to God.*”

So, who or what can be holy and sanctified? God of course is the ultimate example of holiness. He is pure and set apart from anything profane and ungodly. And He can make things holy.

Exodus 29:43-44 KJV - 43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and [the tabernacle] shall be sanctified(qāḏaš) by my glory. 44 And I will sanctify (qāḏaš) the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify(qāḏaš) also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.

What and who are being sanctified (made holy and set apart) in the passage above? Why is it necessary for the tabernacle and priests to be holy or sanctified before God meets with His people there? What do you think would happen to them if God was present and they were unclean, or unsanctified?

The tabernacle in the desert, and the temple in Jerusalem, were the places where God dwelled and met with His people. But we are no longer required to have temples and priests to meet with God.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NLT - 19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, 20 for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

Since God sanctified the tabernacle in the desert in order to dwell there, and since the Holy Spirit dwells in your body if you are a believer, then we should not be surprised that God wants you to be a holy dwelling place for him as well, and honor Him with your body. What do you think it means to honor God with your body?

2. How can I be holy?

Isaiah had a vision of God on His throne, and the seraphim around him saying “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Heaven’s Armies.”

Isaiah 6:5 NLT - 5 Then I said, "It's all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the LORD of Heaven's Armies."

How did Isaiah view himself and how did he response when he found himself in the presence of a holy God?? Have you ever been aware of your own sinfulness in God's presence?

John 17:17-20 NLT - 17 Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth. 18 Just as you sent me into the world, I am sending them into the world. 19 And I give myself as a holy sacrifice for them so they can be made holy by your truth. 20 "I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me through their message.

In John chapter 17 we are given a glimpse of Jesus praying to God on behalf of His followers. According to this prayer, what makes it possible for us to become holy? How do we know that we can be beneficiaries of Jesus’ prayer?

3. Sanctified for Everyday Battles

1 Corinthians 1:2 NLT - 2 I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.

According to 1 Cor 1:2 God made us holy when we called on the name of Jesus for salvation. But that’s not the end of the story. Although God sanctified us, there will still be battles and temptations for us to fall back into sinful ways.