

## **Holiness**

***What comes to your mind when you hear the word “Holiness?”***

### **1. The Holiness of God**

***God the Father*** - “The LORD our God is holy,” Ps 99:9

- Utterly distinct - Isaiah 40:18 (45:5-22)
- Morally pure - Habakkuk 1:13
- Totally unapproachable by sinners outside of sacrifice - Leviticus 17:11, Hebrews 9:22

***God the Son*** - “The Holy One of God,” Mark 1:24, Luke 4:34, John 6:69

- Set apart - Isaiah 42:1, Acts 2:36, Hebrews 7:26
- Morally pure - Hebrews 4:15

***God the Spirit*** - *The Holy Spirit* - 91 times

- Not only His name but his very being - Romans 1:4

### **2. Holiness found in Christ, and nowhere else**

***Unholy in ourselves***

Mark 7:14-23 - Colossians 1:21 - Col 3:5-7 - Ephesians 2:13 - 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

***Made holy in Jesus***

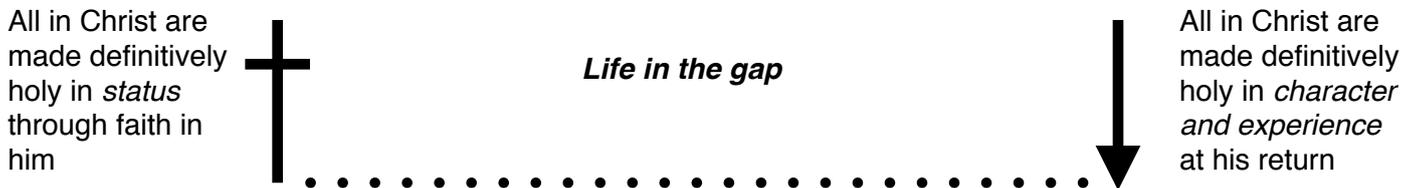
“And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” - **1 Cor 6:11**

“And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” - **Heb 10:10**

“And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption...” - **1 Cor 1:30**

### 3. The Holiness of God's people

Now and not yet... Present identity, future reality, ongoing necessity and battle.



#### ***Present identity***

- Saints, not sinners: 1 Cor 1:2
- A holy people: 1 Peter 2:9
- "In Christ"

#### ***Future reality***

"Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure." - **1 John 3:2-3**

"When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known."  
- **1 Corinthians 13:11-12**

#### ***Ongoing necessity and battle***

1 Peter 1:15-16 - 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 - Hebrews 12:14 - Gal 5:16-21 - 2 Peter 1:5-11

- i) God's work, our work; Philippians 2:12-13
- ii) Not a solo effort - Ephesians 4:1-16
- iii) Effort required!

*The athlete* - 1 Cor 9:24-27, Hebrews 12:1

*The warrior* - Romans 6:13-14, 19

*The executioner* - Colossians 3:5, Romans 8:12-14

#### **4. Areas for further application and thinking**

***I. The set apart life - Colossians 3:17, 23***

***II. Speech***

***III. Sex***

***IV. Money***