

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

1When the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; 2 And when the Lord thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: 3 Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son.

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4 For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly. 5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire. 6 For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

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9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

-1 Peter 2:9-10

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"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

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- Hebrews 12:14

Lesson Overview

Teaching the holiness of God is crucial because it provides the foundation for understanding God's character, reveals the depth of human sinfulness, underscores the need for redemption through Christ, and motivates believers to pursue a life of moral purity.



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Lesson Focus

- What is Holiness?
- 12 The Character of God Holiness
- 03 The Holiness of God's People
- **The Attainment of Holiness**
- 05 Two Dimensions of Personal Holiness
- 06 The Purpose of Holiness



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THE ATTAINMENT OF HOLINESS?

"Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord" - Isaiah 52:11.

THE ATTAINMENT HOLINESS Scripture reveals that holiness and righteousness are closely related concepts. These principles overlap and cannot be separated.

"That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life."

- St. Luke 1:74-75.

The ATTAINMENT HOLINESS The word holy (holiness) denotes a separation from the unclean, and righteous (righteousness) denotes obedience and adherence to God's Divine law.

THE ATTAINMENT HOLINESS Holiness is a state or condition (separation and purity), while righteousness involves action and obedience.

"If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him" - 1 John 2:29.

"7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" - 1 John 3:7-8.

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"9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother" - 1 John 3:9-10.

THE ATTAINMENT HOLINESS

As Christians, we attain (get) and "follow after" holiness and righteousness through the **imputed** righteousness of Jesus Christ and our continual obedience to His Word.

Righteousness and holiness are imputed (gifted, not earned) to us by Jesus Christ. When we are saved, His righteousness and holiness are imputed.

"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified."

- Hebrews 10:10;14.

"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

- 1 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV).

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When the blood of Jesus Christ is applied to our lives at our new birth, His righteousness and holiness are imputed to us based on the merit of His sacrifice at Calvary.

This means that righteousness and holiness are accredited to us as God's gift of grace and are applied through our obedience to His Word.

"For if by the one man's offense (Adam's) death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ."

- **Romans 5:17 (NKJV)**

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"Therefore, as through [b]one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life."

- Romans 5:18 (NKJV)

"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous."

- Romans 5:19 (NKJV)

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Having obtained salvation, we are made righteous and holy. However, this gift of righteousness awakens us to a new way of life in which our lifestyle reflects holiness.

The following Scriptures express this concept:

"Awake to righteousness, (arouse yourself) and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame." -1 Corinthians 15:34 (NKJV).

"Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace."

"What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?"

- Romans 6:15-16 (NKJV)

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- Romans 6:12-14 (NKJV)

"17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were [b]delivered. 18 And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. 19 I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness." - Romans 6:17-19 (NKJV)

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Once we receive the gift of holiness and righteousness through the grace of Jesus Christ and our faith in Him, the scriptures instruct us to adopt a lifestyle of righteous and holy behavior. This requires us to obey God's Word consistently.





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If we yield to sin, we are servants of sin and will be punished with death.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." - Romans 6:23)

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If we yield to obedience, we are servants of obedience and will be rewarded with righteousness.

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

- 2 Timothy 4:8

Scriptural terminology concerning our role in personal righteousness and holiness:

- "...<u>yield</u> your members servants to righteousness unto holiness" Romans 6:19.
- (02) "...present your bodies ...holy" Romans 12:1.
- "...<u>cleanse</u> ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness" 2 Corinthians 7:1.
- "...<u>put</u> on the new man ...in righteousness and true holiness" Ephesians 4:24.

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Scriptural terminology concerning our role in personal righteousness and holiness:

- **(05)** "Flee lusts and follow righteousness..." 2 Peter 2:22.
- (06) "...deny ungodliness and worldly lust, live soberly, righteously and godly..." Titus 2:12.
- "...he that doeth righteousness is born of him (God)" 1 John 2:29.

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The underlined portions of the previously stated verses contain verbs that denote action.

The language of these Scriptures reveals that we must take action to continue living in righteousness and holiness before God.



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Holiness begins as an imparted gift of God's grace, which teaches us to live a righteous lifestyle.

Titus 2:11-12 – "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world."

We must look closely at this Scripture and ask ourselves, "What am I allowing grace to teach me?"

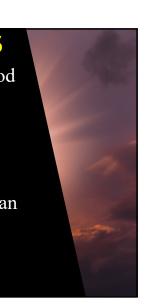
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We cannot make ourselves clean (only God can do that), but we can make ourselves dirty.

We cannot make ourselves righteous, but we can make ourselves unrighteous.

We cannot make ourselves holy, but we can make ourselves unholy.

Once we have been made clean, we must stay clean.



"We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not."

- 1 JOHN 5:18

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world"

- **JAMES 1:27**

"For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning."

- 2 PETER 2:20

"For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them."

- 2 PETER 2:21

"But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

>>>> CONCLUSION <<<<

We who have been washed in the blood of the Lamb must keep ourselves from the filthiness of the world.

Although our holiness begins with God imputing His righteousness and holiness unto us, it is "perfected" (further fulfilled) by living a clean, holy, and righteous lifestyle.

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- 2 PETER 2:22

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

-1 THESSALONIANS 5:23



TWO DIMENSIONS OF PERSONAL HOLINESS

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TWO DIMENSIONS OF PERSONAL HOLINESS

Holiness manifests in a believer's life in two forms: inward purity and outward purity.

Jesus uses the analogy of a cup and platter to explain the holiness of an individual.



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"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also."

- ST. MATTHEW 23:25-26

TWO DIMENSIONS OF PERSONAL HOLINESS

In this passage, Jesus condemned the Pharisees, but He was not criticizing their outward holiness—He was condemning their lack of inward holiness.



TWO DIMENSIONS OF PERSONAL HOLINESS

Jesus condemned the Pharisees for their lack of inward holiness, but this doesn't mean that He requires only inward holiness.

He said, "Cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also."



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TWO DIMENSIONS OF PERSONAL HOLINESS

Our Lord used this analogy to symbolize the body and spirit of the disciple.

True holiness begins inwardly (spirit) and progresses outwardly (body). One without the other is insufficient.



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>>>> CONCLUSION <<<<

Holiness involves the entire being — it is not just an inward purity, it is not just an outward purity: true holiness requires both.

