

# Redemption Through the Scriptures

Gaining a Clearer Picture of Christ and His Saving Work

## # 12 Determined to Share His Holiness

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- A. Holiness is a Divine Privilege.
- B. Holiness is a Divine Process.
- C. Holiness is a Noble Responsibility.
- D. Holiness is to be shared.

"Power is God's hand or arm, omniscience His eye, mercy His bowels, eternity His duration, but holiness is his beauty"

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### A. Holiness is a Divine Privilege

- "And by that will (God's), **we have been made holy** through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." (Heb. 10:10)
- "I am the Lord your God. **Consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy, for I am holy.** You shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm the earth. For I am the Lord who brought you up from the land of Egypt, to be your God; **thus you shall be holy, for I am holy.**" (Lev. 11:44-45)
- "You shall **consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy,** for I am the Lord your God. Keep my decrees and follow them. **I am the Lord, who sanctifies you.**"

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### A. Holiness is a Divine Privilege

Because God is Holy, His children are called to be holy:

- 1) Reflecting God's character in us,
- 2) Regenerated by His purity His righteousness His goodness,
- 3) Revealing His irrefutable, irresistible redeeming grace

The doing of this is **NOT** by mere human effort

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### A. Holiness is a Divine Privilege

- God's Redemptive work in Jesus Christ reveals that God has purchased His people at a great price. Those who are His children are eternally adopted, bought with a price, the price of the shed blood of His Son. With the benefits of Jesus Christ's death on the cross now applied to our lives, God's Spirit **sets** us as **apart** having been made holy so that we may **grow** in holiness.

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### B. Holiness is a Divine Process

- "Because by one sacrifice he (Jesus Christ) **has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.**" (Heb. 10:14)
- "May he strengthen your hearts **so that you will be blameless and holy** in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones." (1 Thess. 3:13)
- "... He disciplines us for our good, **that we may share in His holiness.**" (Hebrews 12:10b)

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### B. Holiness is a Divine Process

- As God cultivates holiness in our lives, we are set apart in a **restoration** process. This is expressly so that the glory of God may be increasingly demonstrated in the world by those who follow Christ Jesus. Like the moon does from the sun, the church is to **reflect** His goodness, as we learn to reflect God's moral character in our actions and in our inner attitudes, the contemplations and inclinations of the heart.

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### C. Holiness is a Noble Responsibility

- "Since we have these promises, dear friends, **let us purify ourselves** from everything that **contaminates** body and spirit, **perfecting holiness** out of reverence for God." (1 Cor. 7:1)
- "... **you shall be holy, for I am Holy**" (1 Peter 1:15-16 --- quoting Lev.)

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### C. Holiness is a Noble Responsibility

- Holiness evokes a desire to **worship**, a desire to **glorify** the Holy One; yet it is rightly combined with **wholesome fear** of Him as well.
- In regard to holiness, the virtues of greatness, goodness, righteousness and justice all converge. And as God cultivates holiness in our lives, we learn to cooperate with Him. Step by step we approach God in reverence. Our strength comes from the Holy Spirit within, but we grow in **obedience** and **discipline** as God brings forth His glorious purpose to make us share in His holiness.



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### D. Holiness is to be shared

- Abraham, Isaac and Jacob** learned trust and obedience as they were transformed into the nation Israel by the sanctifying power of God's holiness (**Genesis**).
- The **Exodus** and 40 years wandering in the wilderness, reveals God's consistent call to have his people live lives that meet His holy standard (**Exodus & Numbers**)
- Moses** wrote down regulations that reveal the need for a deep reverence of God as holy. (**Leviticus & Deuteronomy**)
- The prophet **Isaiah** declared his lost, sinful state when exposed in the holy presence of God (**Isa. 6**).
- The prophet **Ezekiel** bowed low before the holiness of God (**Ezek. 1**), as God promised to bring the **Jews** back to Israel, giving them a new spirit (**Ezek 36:26**). Why? In order to vindicate the holiness of His name (**Ezek. 36:20-23**).



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### D. Holiness is to be shared

- "Therefore say to the house of Israel, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am going to do these things, but **for the sake of my holy name**, which you have profaned among the nations where you have gone. **I will show the holiness of my great name**, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, **when I show myself holy through you before their eyes.**" (**Ezek.**)



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### Discussion Questions:

- Discuss** how Holiness can be both a finished reality, and yet still an uncompleted process.
- Each one share** a practical way in which the holiness of God should affect the way we live and worship.

- "Who will not **fear** you, O Lord, and **glorify** your name? **For you are Holy!** All nations will come and **worship** you, for **your righteous acts have been revealed.**" (**Rev.**)

15:4

