

- Go on to Holiness

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"You shall be holy, for I am holy."

1 Peter 1:15-16

- bring holiness to completion
- you shall be holy for I am holy
- In Christ, we are holy.
- Holiness is separation, but separation to God, inclusive, love draws us toward Him.
- We desire to be like Him.

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 - Father and Sons and Daughters
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- Isaiah 35:8-10 (ESV) 8 And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray. 9 No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. 10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.



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- Importance of the promises:
 - Offering something greater than we can imagine.
 - We are like kids with cheap candy corns in front of us, but our mom says that we're having ribeyes for dinner and not to eat the candy so we don't spoil our supper.
- A child who trusts parent will wait!



- 17 Therefore go out from their midst, and be **separate** from them
 - This is not a I'm holier than you separation
 - This is not a judgmental, condemning separation



- 14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? 15 What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement has the temple of God with idols?



- When the prodigal son decided to go back to his father, he had to separate himself from what he had previously sought out.
 - He determined to seek something better by going home.
 - He couldn't stay in the pig sty.



- Touch no unclean thing
- Don't bring any baggage from the world.
- Isaiah 52:9-12 (ESV) 9 Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the Lord has comforted his people; he has redeemed Jerusalem. 10 The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. 11 **Depart, depart, go out from there; touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her; purify yourselves, you who bear the vessels of the Lord.** 12 For you shall not go out in haste, and you shall not go in flight, for the Lord will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.



- Cleanse Yourself (7:1)
 - Begins at baptism
- Romans 6:13-14 (ESV) 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. 14 For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.



- James 1:27 (ESV) Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.
 - Flesh
 - Sins of the body: sexual, lust
 - Spirit
 - sins of the mind: anger, hatred, jealousy



- 1 John 1:9 (ESV) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Not a “holiness” like Pharisee who prayed in temple vs. sinner.

GOD's promises: {

- Dwell & Walk Among
- Their God / My People
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WAY OF HOLINESS ↑

Fear God.
Cleanse yourself.
Touch no unclean thing.
Separate.

↓ **LAWLESSNESS**
DARKNESS
BELIAL
UNBELIEVER
IDOLS

- Fear God
 - Honor, respect due to a loving Father
- Fear God is beginning of knowledge (Proverbs)
- Fear God more than we want to please ourselves.

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- Hebrews 13:12-16 (ESV) 12 So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. 13 Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. 14 For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. 15 Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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- Bear the reproach he endured
 - Leave behind the world... suffer like Jesus
 - 1 Peter 4:3-4 (ESV) 3 For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. 4 With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you;
- It's okay to suffer when doing what is right.

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- Praise God
 - Holiness leads us to look to God no matter what is happening in this life
 - Always able to praise.
 - Psalm 42-43
 - Psalm 150
- On way to promised land: Israel mumbled, grumbled, complained.
- Didn't trust God through difficulties.

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- Do good.
 - Failure of the levites and priests in parable of Samaritan: their holiness prevented them from loving neighbor.

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- Mark 3:1-6 (ESV) 1 Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there with a withered hand. 2 And they watched Jesus, to see whether he would heal him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. 3 And he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come here." 4 And he said to them, "**Is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to kill?**" But they were silent. 5 And he looked around at them with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart, and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. 6 The Pharisees went out and immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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- Psalms 37:27-29 (ESV) 27 Turn away from evil and do good; so shall you dwell forever. 28 For the Lord loves justice; he will not forsake his saints. They are preserved forever, but the children of the wicked shall be cut off. 29 The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell upon it forever.

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 Do good.
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- Share
 - 1 Timothy 6:17-19 (ESV) 17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. 18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, 19 thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

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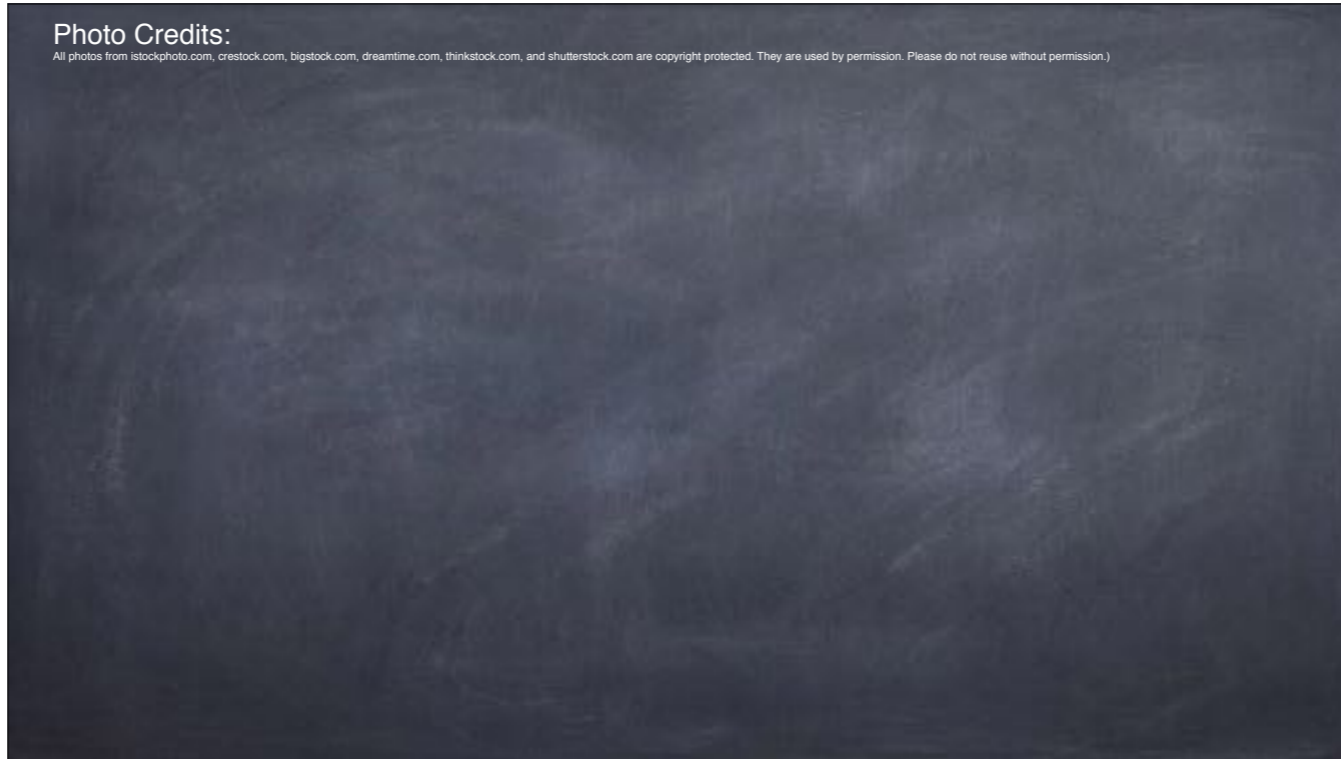
- Welcome (receive)
 - Prodigal's father: accepts as Son, not servant.
- Not only are we holy, but we can choose to be holy each day.
 - Promises of relationship and eternal city
 - Separate from world as you look instead to the joy of a relationship with God
 - Choose to praise Him and help others.

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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Synopsis: How do we bring holiness to completion? Paul teaches us to separate ourselves from the world choosing to fear God. The Hebrew writer reminds us to look to our God praising him and helping our neighbors.

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"Let all that you do be done with love."