

Holiness: The What

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

1 Peter 1:1-15 (NIV)

What is Holiness?

- Holiness literally means _____.

*The Lord reigns,
let the nations tremble;
he sits enthroned between the cherubim,
let the earth shake.*

*² Great is the Lord in Zion;
he is exalted over all the nations.*

*³ Let them praise your great and awesome name—
he is holy.*

*⁴ The King is mighty, he loves justice—
you have established equity;
in Jacob you have done
what is just and right.*

*⁵ Exalt the Lord our God
and worship at his footstool;
he is holy.*

*⁹ Exalt the Lord our God
and worship at his holy mountain,
for the Lord our God is holy.*

Psalm 99:1-5,9 (NIV)

*Who among the gods
is like you, Lord?
Who is like you—
majestic in holiness,
awesome in glory,
working wonders?
Exodus 15:11 (NIV)*

*Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.*

Psalm 96:9 (NIV)

I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. Do not make yourselves unclean by any creature that moves along the ground. ⁴⁵ I am the Lord, who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.

Leviticus 11:44-45 (NIV)

- **Holiness is not a list of do's and don'ts. It is a call to _____.**

*As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.
1 Peter 1:14 (NIV)*

- **Holiness is letting _____ be your _____ and what sets you apart from the world.**

We are in a time
in history when minimum decency passes for heroic virtue
and utter corruption for forgivable imperfection – C.S. Lewis

*As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. ³ For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do— living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry.
1 Peter 4:2-3 (NIV)*

- **Holiness means no longer being characterized by our _____.**
- **Holiness is _____.**

*But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”
1 Peter 1:15-16 (NIV)*

“The greatest miracle that God can do today is to take an unholy man out of an unholy world, and make that man holy and put him back into that unholy world and keep him holy in it.”

*For this is what the high and exalted One says—
he who lives forever, whose name is holy:
“I live in a high and holy place,
but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit,
to revive the spirit of the lowly
and to revive the heart of the contrite.
Isaiah 57:15 (NIV)*