

# **Be Holy**

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## **I. Introduction.**

A. Text: I Peter 1:15, Ephesians 1:4.

B. We can be holy, but we can never approach God's holiness because it is infinite.

## **II. What holiness is.**

## **III. Prerequisites to holiness.**

A. The awareness that God is absolutely and infinitely holy. (Exodus 33:18-20, Isaiah 6, Matthew 17:2-8, Acts 9:2-6, Revelation 1:7-18, Leviticus 11:4-5, I Peter 1:16, John 17, Revelation 4:8, 6:10, I Timothy 6:16)

1. God's holiness is completely removed from us.
2. God communicates to us what He is like, and He chooses us to be like Him in moral character.
3. God's will is holy. One cannot grow in His character without growing in His will.

B. Man is utterly sinful. (Genesis 6:5, Jeremiah 17:9, Isaiah 1:6, Romans 3:10-18, Exodus 3)

1. God wants a people for Himself.
2. This requires people to be rightly related to Him.

C. God has righteous judgment. (Matthew 5:31-36, II Corinthians 5:10)

1. A believer's works will be judged.
2. A believer will not be condemned, but he will have to face the judgment of works.

D. The grace of God. (Romans 7, Ephesians 1:2-13)

1. A believer is made alive in Christ, seated in the heavenly places, and receives eternal life.
2. Each believer is sealed with the Holy Spirit.

3. We are God's workmanship. (Ephesians 2:1-10)

**Application questions:**

1. Why is it important for our own personal holiness to realize that we can never attain God's infinite holiness?

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2. What is the relationship between God's will and His character?

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3. How does the grace of God fit into our holiness? Explain.

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