

Help in the Daily Battle-The Necessity of Holiness

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I. Introduction: Session 1.

A. Text: Titus 2:11ff.

II. From this text, there are three reasons given for why holiness is not an option.

A. The purpose of God is to make us holy- that is, pure.

1. Holiness means that we have been cleansed from sin and are saying “no” to it in our lives.

B. Holiness means that we turn to God-like character.

C. The gospel not only saves us from sin, but also teaches us to live a godly life.

III. Holiness works itself out in our lives. (Ephesians 4:17ff)

A. Holiness begins when we learn to love righteousness and hate sin.

B. God is holy. His purpose for us is to be holy. Our objective should be holiness. (1 John 1:5)

IV. Introduction: Session 2.

A. Text: Hebrews 10:19.

B. Through Jesus, we can come to God with boldness even when we have sinned recently.

V. The more we desire to be holy, the more Satan will try to demoralize us by telling us that we can't be holy. (1 John 1:5; Ephesians 4)

A. The more we learn about God's standards, the more we are tempted to feel inadequate and give up on being holy.

B. We must rely on the holiness of Christ in those moments.

VI. Jesus' holiness is important to us because God accepts us in the person of Jesus. (2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5; John 8:29)

A. Our acceptance by God is gained by the holiness of Christ.

B. There are two views that we have to have in order to avoid presumptuousness and discouragement.

1. We have to have an understanding of God's standards in the Bible to keep us from pride.

2. We have to understand our past growth and what God has already done in our lives.

C. We come to God not in our own righteousness, but in Christ's. We have hope because of who Jesus is.

VII. Jesus' holiness is important to us because He is our example and model of moral character. (Romans 8:29)

Application questions:

1. Why is holiness necessary?

2. What is God's purpose for you?

3. Why is Jesus' holiness important to you?
