

The Holiness of God

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: 1 Peter 1:15-16.

B. Happy are those who seek to be holy. Jesus Christ came that we might have Life. (Matthew 5:6; John 10:10)

C. Of all his attributes, he chooses to magnify his holiness in a special way. (Revelation 4; Isaiah 6:1-3)

D. There is no imperfection in God's holiness.

II. God chose us to be holy and blameless in his sight. (Ephesians 4)

A. We are far short of perfection.

B. But God wants us to be making progress towards perfection.

C. We are to put off the characteristics of our old selves. (Ephesians 4:24)

D. God expects holiness in every area of our lives. (1 Peter 1:15-16; Philippians 3:12-15)

III. Implications on the expectation to be holy because God is holy.

A. We must take sin seriously. God utterly abhors sin.

1. God credits holiness to us by faith. He sees us in Christ as perfectly holy.

2. God sees us as his children who need to grow up and be conformed to his image also, so he disciplines us.

B. We cannot pursue this standard of holiness by our sheer will power. (2 Corinthians 3:18)

C. God provides for our holiness. (Philippians 2:12-13)

1. We cannot give spiritual life to ourselves or anyone else.

2. We do certain things because we know that God provides life.

Application questions:

1. What is our responsibility to our own holiness?

2. How does God provide for our holiness?

3. What is your action plan for growing in maturity as a Christian this week?
