

Holiness

Jerry Bridges

I. Introduction.

A. There is nothing more valuable than the kingdom and eternal life. (Matthew 13:45-47)

B. Salvation is not just a fire insurance policy.

1. It brings with it joy, peace and purpose—Life to the full.

2. Salvation is altogether a new life.

C. Before Christ we were spiritually dead, but God made us spiritually alive. (Ephesians 1)

1. God has created us to live a new life. This is his purpose for salvation.

2. God makes us new creatures in Christ when we truly buy into new life with Christ. We should ask whether we have evidence of the new life in us.

D. The gospel that brings us word of forgiveness and eternal life teaches us to put away a life of sin and to put on a life of righteousness. (Titus 2:11-13)

II. Holiness described. (Ephesians 4:17ff)

A. We must no longer live as society around us lives.

B. We have been created to be like God in conduct.

C. The habit patterns of today determine our character tomorrow.

D. We are to put off the old way of life and put on the new way of life.

1. We are to put away lying.

2. We are to put away stealing.

3. We are not to show a hint of sexual immorality.

III. Translating holiness into everyday life. (Psalm 119:7, 9)

A. A man maintains holiness by living according to the Word. (Psalm 119:9; Ephesians 4)

B. We are to store up God's Word in our hearts. (Psalm 119:7)

C. We have to make a commitment to do this. (Psalm 119:116)

D. Holiness comes through absolute dependence upon the Holy Spirit.

Application questions:

1. What does it mean to be holy?

2. Why is it dangerous to preach the gospel without the need for holiness?

3. What is your action plan for growing in holiness? Explain.
