

Young Adult's Bible Study 2004

Holiness

Definition

Holy (Hagios):

- ✓ "...signifies separated..and hence in Scripture in its moral and spiritual significance, separated from sin and therefore consecrated to God, sacred"(W. E. Vine, pg 226).
- ✓ Kodesh: "...a sacred place or thing,...consecrated (thing), dedicated (thing).." (Strong's)
- ✓ Kawdash: "...to be clean" (Strong's).
- ✓ There are 567 references to holy in the scriptures and it starts in Ex 3/5.
- ✓ There is no reference to the word Holy or Holiness in Genesis
- ✓ First appears in Ex 3:5 Then He said, "Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand *is* holy ground."

The Lord Jesus:

- ✓ "...that Holy One who is to be born." (Luke 1:35)
- ✓ "...the Holy One of God" (Mk 1:24)
- ✓ "But you denied the Holy One and the Just.." (Acts 3:14).

Holiness:

(there are 32 references to Holiness in the scriptures)

- ✓ "a nature that delights in purity and which repels evil." (Concise Bible Dictionary pg 367).
 - The word first appears in (Ex 15:11)
 - Associated with beauty (1 Chron 16:29, 2 Chron 20:21, Psl 29:2, Psl 96:9, Psl 110:3)
 - It is in His house (Psl 93:5)

Holiness

In the highest sense belongs to God #Isa 6:3 Re 15:4 and to Christians as consecrated to God's service, and in so far as they are conformed in all things to the will of God #Ro 6:19,22 Eph 1:4 Ti 1:8 1Pe 1:15 Personal holiness is a work of gradual development. It is carried on under many hindrances, hence the frequent admonitions to watchfulness, prayer, and perseverance #1Co 1:30 2Co 7:1 Eph 4:23,24

- ✓ In the NT the word (holiness)first appears in Luke 1:75. It only appears once in the Gospels.
- ✓ It appears in Romans (ch 1:4, 6:19, 6:22)

The Character of God

- ✓ He is glorious in holiness (Ex 15:11)
- ✓ Revelation 15:4
- ✓ For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name (Luke 1:49).
- ✓ Lu 4:34 saying, "Let *us* alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"
- ✓ Joh 17:11 "Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as *We are*."
- ✓ Ac 2:27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.
- ✓ Ac 3:14 "But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,
- ✓ Ac 4:27 "For truly against Your holy Servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, were gathered together
- ✓ Ac 4:30 "by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."
- ✓ Heb 7:26 For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *who is* holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens;
- ✓ 1Pe 1:15 but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct,
- ✓ 1Pe 1:16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."
- ✓ Re 3:7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens":
- ✓ Re 4:8 *The* four living creatures, each having six wings, were full of eyes around and within. And they do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, Who was and is and is to come!"

References to Holiness in the NT

- Lu 1:75 In holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life.
- Ro 1:4 *and* declared *to be* the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.
- Ro 6:19 I speak in human *terms* because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members *as* slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness *leading to more* lawlessness, so now present your members *as* slaves of righteousness for holiness.
- Ro 6:22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.
- 2Co 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
- Eph 4:24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.
- 1Th 3:13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.
- 1Th 4:7 For God did not call us to uncleanness, but in holiness.
- 1Ti 2:15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.
- Heb 12:10 For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of His holiness.
- Heb 12:14 Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:

Holiness for Service

Isaiah 6: 1-8

- ✓ Isaiah sees the Lord after the king (Uzziah/Azariah) had died (vs 1)
 - Note a few things about Uzziah (see 2 Chronicles 26, 2 Kings 15:1-7)
 - He began reigning at age 16
 - He was a successful king but became filled with pride because of his success
 - He then entered the temple and tried to perform duties for which he was not “qualified”
 - In judgment, the Lord made him a leper until the day of his death
- ✓ Note the role of the seraphim (see Rev chapters 4&5)
- ✓ The seraphim attest to the holiness of the Lord
- ✓ Note the prophet’s response ;
 - In the presence of the perfect One we see our imperfections (Luke 5:1-11)
 - The prophet also recognized that those around him did not measure up as well
- ✓ The Lord cleanses us and makes us fit to be used.
- ✓ Then we respond to His call.

Further Instructions from the Old Testament

- ✓ Note the regulations governing the activity of the priests in Leviticus 21
 - They were not to defile themselves with the dead, except for very close relatives (vs 2-6)
 - They had to be careful whom they married (vs 7)
 - The conduct of his family was important
 - There were special responsibilities for the High Priest (10-15)
 - No member of Aaron’s family who had a defect could perform priestly duties (17-23)
- ✓ Psl 51:13

Instructions from the New Testament

- ✓ The apostle Paul
 - Sees the glory of the Lord (Acts 9)
 - Sees his own sinfulness/nothingness (1 Tim 1:12-15; 1 Cor 15: 9)
 - Sees the sufficiency of Christ (1 Cor 15:10; 2 Cor 5:9)
- ✓ Paul’s advice to Timothy (2 Tim 2: 19-26)