Be Ye Holy

Int.

1. Aim: To show what it means to be HOLY and why it is so important.
2. 1 Pet. 1:15-16 "Be Ye Holy"
3. Rom. 6:22 "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life."
   a. Justification - made right with God - obeyed the Gospel - Mark 16:16
   b. Sanctification - Right living - or Holiness
   c. Glorification - eternal life with God in heaven - Col. 3:4. "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."
4. You cannot by-pass sanctification or justification and get to glorification.
   a. Some want to get to heaven without living right.
   b. Balaam - Numbers 23:10b "...Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his!"
5. Justification - first -- then live a life of sanctification or holiness and then we have the promise of glorification.
6. We need as Christians to renew our Holiness so we can see God:

Discussion

I. **WHAT IS HOLINESS**?

A. Holiness is not:

1. Just Being Religious - Possible to be very religious and not holy
2. Possible to attend all services and not be holy
3. Many have done awful things in the name of religion and that is not the same as holiness

B. Being Holy means to be sanctified....

II. SANCTIFIED means:

A. Being separated - set apart for a sacred purpose - set apart to God and away from worldly things.

B. Church - That is the meaning of the word Church

1. It means the Called out ones -
2. Col.1:13 "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:"
3. We are in the world but not of the world.
4. We cannot have one foot in the world and one in the church. – we are called out of the world

C. Christians

1. Followers of Jesus Christ - Trying to be in the image and likeness of Christ
2. 1 Pet. 4:16 suffer as a Christian
3. Heb. 7:26 - Jesus is our High Priest: "For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;"
   a. Becomes us - exactly what we need
   b. Holy = consecrated, pure, hallowed
   c. Harmless = innocent, not bad, guileless, blameless
   d. Undefiled = unsoiled, unstained
   e. Separate from sinners = place room between
   f. Higher than the heavens = exalted above the heavens
4. Christ is our example of Holy Living - Sanctification - being set apart, undefiled, harmless

D. Rom. 12 Describes the Holy Sanctified life

1. V. 1 - living sacrifice - Holy - Acceptable
2. V. 2 - Do not be conformed to world - be transformed
3. V. 11 - Not slothful in business - Fervent in spirit
4. V. 12 - Rejoicing in hope
5. V. 17 - Recompense no man evil for evil

E. How do we develop this holiness?

1. Trying to live a sanctified life - it comes with practice.
   a. It is a matter of developing and working
   b. We make mistakes - lose my temper, hatred, malice, materialism
2. It is a matter of development - a matter of degrees - we have to keep on trying
   a. Heb. 6:1 - Let us go on unto perfection –
   b. 2 Pet. 3:18 - "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."
      (1) "grow" matter of growth = enlarge, increase [like a child growing]
      (2) Don't get discouraged because you are not like you ought to be - keep on trying –
      (3) Set you goal on Jesus - you will be a stronger person

III. Holiness in the church

A. Isa. 35:8 "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein." -

1. kingdom of God -- way of holiness -- unclean
2. God intends for the church to be a holy and clean church spiritually

B. Eph. 5:27 - wants a glorious church - no blemish - this is what the Lord wants --- "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." - not the building

C. Church is a temple

1. The O.T. temple was Holy
2. The temple today is Holy - not silver and Gold but people
3. 1 Cor. 3:16-17 - Paul says the church is a holy Temple - "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."
4. 1 Cor. 6:19-20 - refers to the individuals - "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."
5. Sanctification - set apart - member of the church -- set apart for God's use and God's purpose -- it is great that we are set apart unto God away from worldly things.

D. 1 Pet. 2:5 - "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

1. This temple has some priests - who are the priests? -- lively stones make up the priesthood -- Jesus Christ is the High priest - every person who is a Christian is to be a priest -- what Kind of Priests are we to be - Holy priesthood
2. Temple requires some worship -- God wants worship - what kind of worship?
   a. Meaningful - Ps. 29:2 "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." -Beauty of Holiness -- keep in mind a spirit of reverence
   b. Hab. 2:20 "But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him." -- song - due reverence in our worship
   c. 1 Tim. 2:8 "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." -- Lift up holy hands
   d. We are to come to worship God with clean hands and a pure heart
3. Saints
   a. Col. 1:2 "To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ, which are at Colossae"
   b. Holy One

IV. "USES OF TERM HOLINESS"

A. This is not a name for the church

1. Holiness is just one of many Characteristics for God's people
   a. 2 Pet. 1:5-11 - Christian Graces
   b. Gal. 5:22-23 - fruit of the Spirit -
   c. All of these are important

2. Notice names of church

   a. Faith church - Grace Church - used by men

   b. Church in NT is sometimes just called:

      (1) My Church - Mt. 16:18

      (2) Body of Christ - 1 Cor. 12:20

      (3) Rm. 16:16 Churches of Christ salute you

      (4) When we use the name that God uses in the Bible it encompasses all of these things.

B. "Holiness" is not a proper title for a man

   1. Not a good word for a higher religious dignitary

   2. Title "His Holiness the Pope"

   3. Not a proper use of the word Holiness!!

C. Holiness is a good word but is sometimes misused

   1. We should not have a "Holier than thou" attitude

      a. Those who have a mock piety

      b. A show of piety and holiness

   2. Need to be good and do good -

   3. Emphasis on emotionalism

      a. Trying to get away from doctrine and teaching

      b. More emotionalism than truth

      c. There must be some fundamental doctrine and teaching

CONCLUSION

1. 1 Pet. 1:15-16
2. 1 Pet. 1:16 from- Lev. 11:45 "Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."
3. When a child is born it takes some of the Characteristics of parents
   a. When a person is born again - we partake of the nature of our Father
   b. The source of Holiness is with God
   c. How do we become Holy? - It begins when we are born again
      i. Jn. 3:3-5 - born of water and spirit
      ii. When we do this we become a new Creature - and take on the nature of the Father - child of the Father - Holiness - we become holy
      iii. Col.3:2 - put off the old man -- put on the new man
      iv. Matt. 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" -- not on this earth but in heaven.
4. 1 Jn. 3:2 - we shall see God "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."
5. Who will see God?
   a. Those who have been justified !
   b. Those who have been sanctified !!
   c. They will be glorified - Then you will see God - glorification!!
6. Justification - become a Christian
7. Sanctification - live a life of holiness
8. "Be ye holy, for I am holy" - 1 Pet 1:16
9. Are You Holy ?

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