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This experience of "entire sanctification" enables the believer to live a holy life, and ideally, to live entirely without willful sin. Reflecting this inward holiness, Holiness Christians have emphasized the Wesleyan doctrine outward holiness, which includes practices such as the wearing of modest clothing and not using profanity in speech. History[edit] An engraving of a Methodist camp meeting in Library of Congress. Though it became a multi-denominational movement over time and was furthered by the Second Great Awakening which energized churches of all stripes, the Holiness movement has its roots in Wesleyanism. Early Methodism[edit] The Methodists of the 19th century continued the interest in Christian holiness that had been started by their founder, John Wesley in England. In , Palmer experienced what she called entire sanctification and had become the leader of the Tuesday Meetings by . At first only women attended these meetings, but eventually Methodist bishops and hundreds of clergy and laymen began to attend as well. This was the first American periodical dedicated exclusively to promoting the Wesleyan message of Christian holiness. At the Tuesday Meetings, Methodists soon enjoyed fellowship with Christians of different denominations, including the Congregationalist Thomas Upham. Upham was the first man to attend the meetings, and his participation in them led him to study mystical experiences, looking to find precursors of Holiness teaching in the writings of persons like German Pietist Johann Arndt and the Roman Catholic mystic Madame Guyon. Other non-Methodists also contributed to the Holiness movement in the U. In , Mahan experienced what he called a baptism with the Holy Spirit. Mahan believed that this experience had cleansed him from the desire and inclination to sin. Finney believed that this experience might provide a solution to a problem he observed during his evangelistic revivals. Some people claimed to experience conversion but then slipped back into their old ways of living. Finney believed that the filling with the Holy Spirit could help these converts to continue steadfast in their Christian life. This phase of the Holiness movement is often referred to as the Oberlin-Holiness revival. Hannah Whitall Smith, an English Quaker, experienced a profound personal conversion. Her husband, Robert Pearsall Smith, had a similar experience at the camp meeting in . The couple became figureheads in the now-famous Keswick Convention that gave rise to what is often called the Keswick-Holiness revival, which became distinct from the holiness movement. He brought in the converts by the score, most notably in the revivals in Canada West . His technique combined restrained emotionalism with a clear call for personal commitment, thus bridging the rural style of camp meetings and the expectations of more "sophisticated" Methodist congregations in the emerging cities. Roberts and John Wesley Redfield founded the Free Methodist Church on the ideals of slavery abolition, egalitarianism, and second-blessing holiness. Wood, Alfred Cookman, and other Methodist ministers. The gathering attracted as many as 10,000 people. At the close of the encampment, while the ministers were on their knees in prayer, they formed the National Camp Meeting Association for the Promotion of Holiness, and agreed to conduct a similar gathering the next year. This organization was commonly known as the National Holiness Association. The second National Camp Meeting was held at Manheim, Pennsylvania, and drew upwards of 25,000 persons from all over the nation. People called it a "Pentecost. These meetings made instant religious celebrities out of many of the workers. Higher life conferences were held at Broadlands and Oxford in and in Brighton and Keswick in . The Keswick Convention soon became the British headquarters for this movement. Another was a flow of influence from Britain back to the United States: Simpson went on to found the Christian and Missionary Alliance. American Holiness associations began to form as an outgrowth of this new wave of camp meetings, such as the Western Holiness Association--first of the regional associations that prefigured "come-outism"--formed at Bloomington, Illinois. In several "general holiness conventions" met in Cincinnati and New York City. Moody had what he called an "endowment with power" as a result of some soul-searching and the prayers of two Free Methodist women who attended one of his meetings. He did not

join the Wesleyan-Holiness movement but maintained a belief in progressive sanctification which his theological descendants still hold to. The founding of the Salvation Army in helped to rekindle Holiness sentiment in the cradle of Methodism—a fire kept lit by Primitive Methodists and other British descendants of Wesley and George Whitefield in prior decades. Methodist mission work in Japan led to the creation of the One Mission Society , one of the largest missionary-sending Holiness agencies in the world. Wesleyan realignment[edit] Illustration from The Circuit Rider: Though many Holiness preachers, camp meeting leaders, authors, and periodical editors were Methodists, this was not universally popular with Methodist leadership. Out of the four million Methodists in the United States during the s, probably one-third to one-half were committed to the idea of sanctification as a second work of grace. Haynes wrote in his book, *Tempest-Tossed on Methodist Seas*, about his decision to leave the Methodist church and join what would become Church of the Nazarene. In it, he described the bitter divisions within the Methodist church over the Holiness movement, including verbal assaults made on Holiness movement proponents at the conference. Any traveling or local preacher, or layman, who shall hold public religious services within the bounds of any mission, circuit, or station, when requested by the preacher in charge not to hold such services, shall be deemed guilty of imprudent conduct, and shall be dealt with as the law provides in such cases. In the years that followed, scores of new Methodist and Holiness associations were formed -- many of these "come-outer" associations and various parties alienated by Mainline Methodism consolidated to form new denominations e. Those who left mainline Methodist churches to form Holiness denominations during this time numbered no more than , Throughout the early 20th century, week-long revival campaigns with local churches and revival elements brought into the worship service carried on the tradition of camp meetings. Pentecostalism and the Charismatic movement competed for the loyalties of Holiness advocates see related section below , and a separate Pentecostal-Holiness movement was born. This new dichotomy gradually dwindled the population of the mainstream of the Holiness movement. Some Holiness advocates found themselves at home with Fundamentalism and later the Evangelical movement. This merger created a Mainline Christian organization which made remaining Holiness elements within U. Toward the Evangelical mainstream and rise of the Conservative Holiness Movement mid-to-late 20th century [edit] Grace Wesleyan Methodist Church is a parish church of the Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Connection , one of the largest denominations in the conservative holiness movement , and is located in Akron, Ohio. Not content with what they considered to be a lax attitude toward sin, several small groups left Wesleyan-Holiness denominations to form the conservative holiness movement. Staunch defenders of Biblical inerrancy , they stress modesty in dress and revivalistic worship practices. They identify with classical Fundamentalism more so than Evangelicalism. A slow trickle of disaffected Holiness-friendly United Methodists left for Holiness movement denominations, while other Holiness advocates in the United Methodist Church fought for recognition via the Good News Movement and Confessing Movement. Meanwhile, the bulk of the Wesleyan-Holiness churches began to appear more like their colleagues in the National Association of Evangelicals from various theological and ecclesiastical traditions. Continued stances on the sanctity of marriage and abstinence matched similar convictions held by other Evangelicals. In the s, opposition to abortion became a recurring theme, and by the s statements against practicing homosexuality were increasingly common. A devotion to charity work continued, particularly through the Salvation Army and other denominational and parachurch agencies. Recovering an identity 21st century [edit] A Salvation Army band parade in Oxford , United Kingdom Faced with a growing identity crisis and continually dwindling numbers [19] , Wesleyan-Holiness Evangelicals have hosted several inter-denominational conferences and begun several initiatives to draw a clearer distinction between Wesleyan theology and that of other Evangelicals and to explore how to address contemporary social issues and appear winsome to a " post-modern world. Several Evangelical Holiness groups and publications have denounced the term "fundamentalist" preferring Evangelical while others are reconciling to what extent the Fundamentalist movement of the s remains a part of their history. Talks of a merger were tabled, [26] but new cooperatives such as the Global Wesleyan Alliance were formed as the result of inter-denominational meetings.

2: A Call to Holiness (1 Peter) | www.enganchecubano.com

This work on holiness is good but far too brief and overshadowed by his earlier work on same theme that is actually more in depth. Good but familiar. After reading it I had a distinct feeling of dejavu.

The word holy means separate, different, unlike anything else that exists. The glory of the Lord was a special divine manifestation of the Person and Presence of God. It consisted in the vision of light, majesty and beauty and was accompanied by the voice of the Lord and His holy angels. It created in the persons who observed it overwhelming feelings of fear and fascination, as well as profound convictions of peace, well-being, and joy. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and to, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. Other select persons of the Old Testament also experienced the presence of divine holiness and the glory of God. In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. Above Him stood the seraphim; each had six wings: And one called to another and said: For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts! And he touched my mouth, and said: This was the purpose of the entire Law of Moses in its commandments of morality and worship. For I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls upon the earth. For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God; you shall therefore be holy, for I am holy Lev The people were to be holy and to gain the wisdom and righteousness of God through their service and worship of Him. All of the so-called Wisdom writings of the Old Testament, and all of the teachings of the prophets and psalms are centered around this same fundamental fact: He alone is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. He alone is perfectly righteous and wholly without sin. Thus, Saint Peter speaks of Jesus to the people after the event of Pentecost. The God of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His servant Jesus, whom you delivered up and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses Acts 3. The apostle Paul concurs with the teaching of Peter by referring to Christ not merely as holy, righteous and wise, but as Himself the very holiness, righteousness and wisdom of God Himself in human flesh. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. The glory of God is revealed in the person of Christ. And the Word became flesh and dwell among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father Jn 1. For if there was splendor in the dispensation of condemnation, the dispensation of righteousness must far exceed it in splendor. Indeed, in this case, what once had splendor has come to have no splendor at all, because of the splendor that surpasses it. For if what faded away came with splendor, what is permanent must have much more splendor. Since we have such a hope, we are very bold. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into His likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His glory and excellence, by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, that through these you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of passion, and become partakers of the divine nature 2 Pet 1. In the Church of Christ already begins that perpetual praise of the Holy God which exists now in the heavens and will fill all creation when Christ comes in the glory of His Kingdom at the end of the ages. Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is to come! And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent His angel to show His servants what must soon take place. And behold, I am coming soon. Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy. Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense, to repay every one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by

the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and fornicators and murderers and idolaters, and every one who loves and practices falsehood. I Jesus have sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star Rev The grace of the Lord be with all the saints.

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Holiness only results from a right relationship with God by believing in Jesus Christ as Savior (accepting His gift of eternal life). If we have not placed our faith in God's Son alone to save us from our sins, then our pursuit of holiness is in vain.

Every item connected with the Tabernacle and the Temple is represented as holy: In keeping with the holiness associated with the Tabernacle and the Temple, the priests ministering there also are regarded as sacred and for this reason were consecrated to their office Exod No doubt this repeated emphasis in the OT on the holiness of times, places and things belongs to the realm of the cultic rather than the moral. It is never altogether easy to disentangle these elements. While such a materialization of the holy might lend itself to abuse, in that such times, places and things could be considered to possess some sanctity in themselves apart from the presence of the living God, this danger seems largely to have been avoided when His people remained faithful to Him. The spreading contagion of uncleanness is not paralleled by any such uncontrolled dissemination of holiness cf. When Haggai asked the priests of the return: While the ethical content in the OT conception of holiness must not be underrated any more than the cultic, it is to be remembered that the overriding and determinative factor is that holiness comes from the Lord. Their occurrences are comparatively infrequent. They are as follows: It is used of sacrificial meat Matt 7: Christians consecrated to God Acts 9: It occurs sixty times in all. The fact that the Gr. The *hagios* family of words is of major significance in understanding the NT representation of holiness, and we shall therefore concentrate on these, beginning with the adjective itself. This is the least used of five synonyms in classical Gr. It has a history similar to the Heb. Originally it was a cultic concept, indicating that which is consecrated or devoted to or qualified to approach a deity Arndt, 9. Its earliest established attestation is in Herodotus where it is used in close association with the sanctuary 5. It is also applied to the gods. But *hagios* does not appear to have been related to man in connection with the cultus, *hagnos* being preferred TDNT, There are indeed some few instances in the NT where this cultic sense persists. This is particularly the case in OT quotations and allusions to the former dispensation. Jerusalem is described as the holy city as in the OT Matt 4: The same expression is applied to the heavenly Jerusalem Rev The Temple is spoken of as the holy place Matt The mount of transfiguration is holy 2 Pet 1: It is noticeable that all these instances are related to places rather than persons. Even in this connection, *hagios* soon shades over into the fuller meaning of holy, i. The term is employed in this sense with reference to the law of God Rom 7: In the great preponderance of occurrences, *hagios* is used of persons and signifies a relationship to God, who is Himself holy John The prophets of the OT are described as holy Luke 1: The apostles are holy Eph 3: The most common reference of all is to Christians who, because of their position before God in Christ and the sanctifying work of the indwelling Spirit, are properly designated holy. This is connected closely with their calling and election Col 3: The commandment they have received, to which obedience must be given, is holy 2 Pet 2: This association between calling, commandment and holiness is crystallized in 1 Peter 1: It is given a reinforced ethical and spiritual cast. *Hagios* as applied to Christians means set apart for God, reserved for His praise and service. They are continually being made holy by the work of the Spirit within, which enables them to respond to the NT summons to live in righteousness and purity. This is indicated by the adjectives with which it is paired: The verb is rare in extra-Biblical usage. It is used also of profane things made holy by contact with the sacred cf. Sometimes its significance is to treat as holy or to reverence Matt 6: Its basic connotation is to consecrate or sanctify by contact with the One who alone is holy, God Himself. It is God who sanctifies John The reflexive to sanctify oneself, which is frequent in the OT, does not occur in the NT except in Revelation Where it is used in the LXX, the element of glory is involved as well as holiness. The three NT occurrences are all in the Pauline epp. Some take this to be an exact rendering of the Heb. In 2 Corinthians 7: This is equally the case in 1 Thessalonians 3: *Hagiasmos* when used in a moral sense as it is invariably denotes a process or on occasion the result of a process. It is infrequent in the LXX and has no specific Heb. In the NT it is confined to the epistles and occurs mainly in the context of Gentile Christianity. *Hagiasmos* is the will of God for the believer 1 Thess 4: In this emancipation from sin in

the service of God, the return lit. Hagiasmos is linked with modesty 1 Tim 2: The source of hagiasmos is God. Only God is holy and only He can sanctify. This He does in Christ whom He has made to be our hagiasmos as well as our wisdom, righteousness and redemption 1 Cor 1: Hagiasmos is said to be by or in en the Spirit 2 Thess 2: Without it no one will even see the Lord when He returns Heb Hence, it is to be aimed at and striven for as the goal of Christian life Heb This is another rare word found only in Heb It occurs in 2 Maccabees Its meaning is sanctification rather as a condition or state as distinct from sanctifying as a process hagiasmos. Although this state is only consummated and perfected in glorification, the implication of Hebrews In this case a qualitative element is also implied cf. In the OT the holiness of God is trebled in the praises of the seraphim: The trisagion is repeated in the NT as John in his vision is permitted to hear the living creatures which surround the heavenly throne singing in ceaseless antiphon: This threefold reiteration, however, is not merely impressive in its effect. It is related to the trinity of persons in the Godhead, and this factor, implicit in the OT, is made explicit in the NT. The Son addresses the Holy Father John Holiness is not reserved for one but belongs to each. The number of passages in the NT in which holiness is directly attributed to God the Father is not large. It is not to be supposed that the NT regards the holiness of God the Father as of less importance than the OT, or that there is any discrepancy between what is revealed in the OT, and what is revealed in the NT. On the contrary, it is in the harmony of the Testaments that one sees the reason for the comparative paucity of references. The OT itself had sufficiently established the personality and holiness of the Father. It remained for the NT to focus on the Son and the Spirit. Mary in her Magnificat rejoices in God her Savior: Whenever the Father is named, His holiness is asserted. The teaching of Jesus is definitive. The context in which this expression is used is most instructive. Jesus pleaded with His holy Father to keep His men who were to be left in the world. The Father is asked to grant to the disciples his own immunity from evil. Temple, Readings in St. In the conjunction of holiness and Fatherhood, the transcendence and immanence of God, already implied in the OT revelation of holiness, is further emphasized. In twelve passages Christ is described as holy in the NT. In nine of them the adjective *hagios* is used Mark 1: Before His birth, the Lord was marked out as holy. The angel announced to Mary:

4: What does the Bible say about holiness? What does it mean to be holy?

Holiness, the Second Vatican Council taught, is "the fullness of the Christian life" and "the perfection of charity." Holiness is living in hope, and freedom, and truth.

The Christian concept of the Messiah differs significantly from the contemporary Jewish concept. The core Christian belief is that through belief in and acceptance of the death and resurrection of Jesus, sinful humans can be reconciled to God and thereby are offered salvation and the promise of eternal life. Jesus, having become fully human, suffered the pains and temptations of a mortal man, but did not sin. As fully God, he rose to life again. According to the New Testament, he rose from the dead, [38] ascended to heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father [39] and will ultimately return [Acts 1: In comparison, his adulthood, especially the week before his death, is well documented in the gospels contained within the New Testament, because that part of his life is believed to be most important. The death and resurrection of Jesus are usually considered the most important events in Christian theology, partly because they demonstrate that Jesus has power over life and death and therefore has the authority and power to give people eternal life. Arguments over death and resurrection claims occur at many religious debates and interfaith dialogues. Salvation Christianity Paul the Apostle, like Jews and Roman pagans of his time, believed that sacrifice can bring about new kinship ties, purity and eternal life. The Catholic Church teaches that salvation does not occur without faithfulness on the part of Christians; converts must live in accordance with principles of love and ordinarily must be baptized. Reformed theology places distinctive emphasis on grace by teaching that individuals are completely incapable of self-redemption, but that sanctifying grace is irresistible. Together, these three persons are sometimes called the Godhead, [56] [57] [58] although there is no single term in use in Scripture to denote the unified Godhead. Though distinct, the three persons cannot be divided from one another in being or in operation. While some Christians also believe that God appeared as the Father in the Old Testament, it is agreed that he appeared as the Son in the New Testament, and will still continue to manifest as the Holy Spirit in the present. But still, God still existed as three persons in each of these times. In some Early Christian sarcophagi the Logos is distinguished with a beard, "which allows him to appear ancient, even preexistent. From earlier than the times of the Nicene Creed, Christianity advocated [63] the triune mystery -nature of God as a normative profession of faith. According to Roger E. Olson and Christopher Hall, through prayer, meditation, study and practice, the Christian community concluded "that God must exist as both a unity and trinity", codifying this in ecumenical council at the end of the 4th century. The distinction lies in their relations, the Father being unbegotten; the Son being begotten of the Father; and the Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and in Western Christian theology from the Son. Regardless of this apparent difference, the three "persons" are each eternal and omnipotent. The Greek word trias [66] [note 3] is first seen in this sense in the works of Theophilus of Antioch; his text reads: It is found in many passages of Origen. Trinitarianism Trinitarianism denotes those Christians who believe in the concept of the Trinity. Almost all Christian denominations and churches hold Trinitarian beliefs. Since that time, Christian theologians have been careful to emphasize that Trinity does not imply that there are three gods the antitrinitarian heresy of Tritheism, nor that each hypostasis of the Trinity is one-third of an infinite God partialism, nor that the Son and the Holy Spirit are beings created by and subordinate to the Father Arianism. Rather, the Trinity is defined as one God in three Persons. Nontrinitarianism Nontrinitarianism or antitrinitarianism refers to theology that rejects the doctrine of the Trinity. Various nontrinitarian views, such as adoptionism or modalism, existed in early Christianity, leading to the disputes about Christology. Christianity, like other religions, has adherents whose beliefs and biblical interpretations vary. Christianity regards the biblical canon, the Old Testament and the New Testament, as the inspired word of God. The traditional view of inspiration is that God worked through human authors so that what they produced was what God wished to communicate. The Greek word referring to inspiration in 2 Timothy 3: Others claim inerrancy for the Bible in its original manuscripts, although none of those are extant. Still others maintain that only a particular translation is inerrant, such as the King James Version. The books of the Bible accepted by the Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant churches vary somewhat,

with Jews accepting only the Hebrew Bible as canonical; there is however substantial overlap. These variations are a reflection of the range of traditions , and of the councils that have convened on the subject. Every version of the Old Testament always includes the books of the Tanakh , the canon of the Hebrew Bible. These books appear in the Septuagint , but are regarded by Protestants to be apocryphal. However, they are considered to be important historical documents which help to inform the understanding of words, grammar and syntax used in the historical period of their conception. Modern scholarship has raised many issues with the Bible. Another issue is that several books are considered to be forgeries. The injunction that women "be silent and submissive" in 1 Timothy 2 [83] is thought by many to be a forgery by a follower of Paul, a similar phrase in 1 Corinthians 14, [84] which is thought to be by Paul, appears in different places in different manuscripts and is thought to originally be a margin note by a copyist. A final issue with the Bible is the way in which books were selected for inclusion in the New Testament. Other Gospels have now been recovered, such as those found near Nag Hammadi in , and while some of these texts are quite different from what Christians have been used to, it should be understood that some of this newly recovered Gospel material is quite possibly contemporaneous with, or even earlier than, the New Testament Gospels. The core of the Gospel of Thomas , in particular, may date from as early as AD 50 although some major scholars contest this early dating , [86] and if so would provide an insight into the earliest gospel texts that underlie the canonical Gospels, texts that are mentioned in Luke 1: Scholarship, then, is currently exploring the relationship in the Early Church between mystical speculation and experience on the one hand and the search for church order on the other, by analyzing new-found texts, by subjecting canonical texts to further scrutiny, and by an examination of the passage of New Testament texts to canonical status. Catholic interpretation Main article: Catholic theology of Scripture In antiquity, two schools of exegesis developed in Alexandria and Antioch. Alexandrian interpretation, exemplified by Origen , tended to read Scripture allegorically , while Antiochene interpretation adhered to the literal sense, holding that other meanings called *theoria* could only be accepted if based on the literal meaning. The spiritual sense is further subdivided into: The allegorical sense, which includes typology. An example would be the parting of the Red Sea being understood as a "type" sign of baptism. The anagogical sense, which applies to eschatology , eternity and the consummation of the world Regarding exegesis , following the rules of sound interpretation, Catholic theology holds: The injunction that all other senses of sacred scripture are based on the literal [92] [93] That the historicity of the Gospels must be absolutely and constantly held [94] That scripture must be read within the "living Tradition of the whole Church" [95] and That "the task of interpretation has been entrusted to the bishops in communion with the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome ". Clarity of Scripture Protestant Christians believe that the Bible is a self-sufficient revelation, the final authority on all Christian doctrine, and revealed all truth necessary for salvation. This concept is known as *sola scriptura*. The significance of the text includes the ensuing use of the text or application. The original passage is seen as having only a single meaning or sense. The moment we neglect this principle we drift out upon a sea of uncertainty and conjecture. Taken together, both define the term Biblical hermeneutics.

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Holiness is a way of life that affects everything we do. Holiness is a lifestyle, rather than mere conformity to a list of rules. (2) We are to be holy by not being conformed to our former lusts.

A Call to Holiness 1 Peter 1: Holiness is not thought of as a virtue but as a vice. Even in the church, holiness is becoming rare. Only recently I heard a well-known evangelist speak of holiness as something which the church in America has lost. How comfortable we are to add God to our lives with little or no change necessary on our part. Such is not the message of the true gospel or the teaching of the Scriptures on the spiritual life. The Old Testament prophets, along with John the Baptist and then Jesus, called for a radical change for those who would trust and obey God. To repent means to change not only our thinking but our actions. When we are saved, we are saved from our heathen desires and practices and called to live a life of holiness. The belief and behavior of holiness of which Peter speaks comes neither naturally through our flesh nor easily. Peter did not find it natural or easy either. While the concept of holiness is frequently taught in the Old Testament, Judaism especially the scribes and Pharisees distorted it until it became something entirely different. To many, the scribes and Pharisees, who saw themselves as holy, were the epitome of holiness. True holiness was not what the scribes and Pharisees or Peter thought it was. The message Peter shares with us in his first epistle came to him with great difficulty. In fact, only after the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord did Peter understand true holiness. With this background, we will try to understand what Peter requires of us if we would be holy like the One who called us. His people must also be distinct, separate from the heathen attitudes and actions which characterized them as unbelievers. The translation of 1 Peter 2: Holiness and the Law of Moses Once the Israelites were brought out of Egypt, God gave them laws which governed the conduct of every Israelite and of every one who dwelt among them as aliens. What laws, of all those given at Mount Sinai, would you expect to set the Israelites apart from all the nations as a holy people? I would have thought the Ten Commandments were given particularly for this purpose. Rather, this command is found in the Book of Leviticus. Interestingly enough, it is found in that part of the Law many Christians feel is least relevant and applicable to the New Testament saint. And yet this is the portion of Scripture Peter uses to support his instruction in our text. Why is this so? Consider this possible explanation. The Ten Commandments do not set the Israelites or contemporary Christians apart because virtually every civilized nation accepts many of the values and commands of these Ten Commandments as a valid standard of conduct. Civilized nations condemn stealing, lying, and murder. While these distinctions were set out clearly, the reasons for them were not. I believe this is by divine design. That which sets the true child of God apart from all others is their faith and trust in God, evidenced by obedience to His commands even when they do not seem to make sense. Not eating of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil did not make sense to Adam and Eve, but God required their obedience. Offering up Isaac as a sacrifice to God made no sense to Abraham, but he obeyed God by his willingness to do so. In Christianity, God makes the rules, and they are not according to our preferences or desires. But the Spirit of God enables us to obey them see Romans 7: With this in mind, a brief review of the concept of holiness in chapters 11 through 20 of Leviticus might prove helpful. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am holy. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth. In Leviticus , other forms of ceremonial uncleanness were defined. A woman was declared unclean after the birth of a child Leviticus Leprous infections made a person unclean, and very precise regulations were given regarding such persons. Clear instructions were given concerning the quarantine and the ceremonial cleansing of those no longer unclean. In Leviticus 16, we find a very special event in the annual Day of Atonement. This was no mere ceremonial act, but the basis for our justification before God. In Leviticus 17, the more mundane matters of ceremonial uncleanness are again taken up. Chapter 17 deals with the offering of sacrifices. In chapter 18, God reveals through Moses that the Laws He is giving His people are given to set them apart from the Egyptians among whom they formerly lived and from the Canaanites with whom they are about to make contact in the promised land: The Israelites were not to imitate the sexual practices of the Canaanites It was because the Canaanites defiled the land that they were expelled

from it. If the Israelites imitate them, they too would be expelled: In Leviticus 19, holiness is not merely symbolized by avoiding that which is declared to be ceremonially unclean. In chapter 20, holiness encompasses the entire spectrum of human conduct and all the laws God had laid down: Shall I come to Him with burnt offerings, with yearling calves? Shall I present my first-born for my rebellious acts, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He told the people that the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees would never get them to heaven 5: He distinguished their teaching of the law from His own, showing that they had a very legalistic view of the law, rather than an appreciation for its underlying principles 5: He warned of external religion which is big on appearances but lacking in heart 6: He spoke of wolves and false teachers, who claimed to know and serve Him but whom He had never known 7: Do you not see that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him; 19 because it does not go into his heart but into his stomach, and is eliminated? Thus He declared all foods clean. Now this was not the kind of hand-washing mothers require of their children before they can eat. But the Jews wanted people to eat with ceremonial cleanness. This ceremonial cleanness was not what the Old Testament Law required as described in Leviticus. This was a cleanness defined by a different standard—the traditions of the elders verse 3. Jesus pointed out that it was even worse than this. To add human standards to those of divine origin was one thing. But it was quite another to use these standards to set aside and even violate the Laws of God. Yet this is exactly what Judaism had done, and Jesus exposed their hypocrisy in so doing. The Law required that one should honor their father and mother. This included caring for them in their times of need. And yet the Jews had devised a way to avoid this financial liability. But it could be used to satisfy any of their lusts—for example, a vacation. This is the degree to which much of Judaism had departed from true holiness. If Jesus rebuked the hypocrisy of the Judaism of His day, He had even more to say to all who would understand. Cleanness was not a matter of externalism but a matter of the heart. It was not food that defiled a man but that which is inside the man that defiles him. A man is not defiled from without but from within verses a. Mark then adds this very significant parenthetical comment: Thus He declared all foods clean Mark 7: Why was the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil to be avoided? Adam and Eve did not understand why. They were not to understand why. They needed only to know that God had declared the fruit of this tree off limits to them. Because God declared them to be so to the people of Israel. Why was a woman unclean twice as long for bearing a girl baby than a boy? Because God said so. Why are sinners deemed to be righteous, forgiven, and destined for heaven? Because God declares them to be justified. Why are all foods now clean according to Mark 7: Because God declared them to be clean. The basis for this cleansing is the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. His shed blood cleanses us from all unrighteousness. The basis of all cleansing is the shed blood of Jesus Christ. The fact of that cleansing is the declaration of God that it is so. This is the cleansing foreshadowed by the annual Day of Atonement: It is this cleansing for which the Old Testament saints hoped and prayed and the Old Testament prophets promised: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin Psalm It is this cleansing which our Lord Jesus Christ accomplished by His death, burial, and resurrection:

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Christ's people are regularly called "saints" or holy persons, and holiness in the high ethical and spiritual meaning of the word is used to denote the appropriate quality of their life and conduct. (1) As Separate from the World.

A Math Professor is Called to Preach! Kumuyi started a Bible study group with 15 university students who had come to him requesting training in the Scriptures. By the congregation had grown to 50,, and now numbers , members, making it the third largest Christian church in the world. Johan Combrinck reports that the Deeper Life Bible Church not only has an attendance of , every Sunday, but has planted churches in Lagos, 5, in the rest of Nigeria with an independent estimate of more than , members in Nigeria alone , and 3, elsewhere with missionaries to 40 countries of Africa as the movement missionary contribution. Missiologists have recognized its presence for some time, but it is such a recent phenomenon that they have not yet agreed on a name for it. On a recent Sunday I saw 74, adults worshipping together, with 40, children meeting in a separate building across the street. How Did It Happen? We take Christian living and holiness seriously. He is a gifted man, clear-thinking and humble. Since he was a young man, Kumuyi has devoted his time to reading and studying the Bible. He knows the Scriptures inside out, and has struggled to understand and apply them. As he shares that struggle and his love for the word of God, so people have been drawn to him for advice, or simply to listen. When he preaches, his message is clear, simple, and profound. Poor street traders who can barely read sit next to university professors, all equally captivated by the way Scripture becomes suddenly relevant to them. He always gave a wide range of cross-references which were read in their context, supporting, clarifying and expanding his main points. He spoke clearly and authoritatively to the Nigerian situation. He dealt sensitively with African culture, but also made a firm stand in highlighting the points where local culture was incompatible with the will of God. While stressing the high moral tone which is one of the virtues of most African cultures at their best, he was at pains to specify those aspects of local culture which were unchristian and even evil. In this way he was not only concerned with some kind of personal holiness, but also genuinely seeking the wholeness and harmony of the community at large, where truth, honesty, and justice should be the predominant characteristics. He is not tall, and does not have a larger-than-life character. He does not dominate, nor has he accrued power to himself. He walks slowly, is relaxed, and has a gentle sense of humour with a warm smile and a twinkle in his eyes. He dresses simply, eats simply and could have assumed titles to himself. As the Deeper Christian Life Ministry developed most people enjoy the trappings and regalia of status which followers gladly give. But he calls his followers brothers and sisters, and treats them as colleagues. Kumuyi was born in into an Anglican home. When I went to secondary school I lost interest in the church because our principal taught us atheism. But after a while I thought again and started going to various churches in town. Eventually, in , a group of singers and preachers from a Gospel church got permission to come to the school. I understood the Gospel message, and was born again on April 5th, I got involved with the Scripture Union, and I grew. He gained a first-class degree in Mathematics at the University of Ibadan; then went back to Mayflower School to teach. After five years he went to the University of Lagos to do a Postgraduate Certificate in Education and became a lecturer there in ; and that was when he started a small Deeper Life Bible Study group. In speaking to a group of Pastors under his leadership as General Superintendent, W. If the Lord comes, let him meet us working for him. Now every time I preach I try to mention evangelism. I have told all the Lagos District Coordinators and Zonal Leaders to spend half their time on evangelism and only half their time on their members. There will always be problems in the church: Kumuyi has received a great deal from God, but he is adept at passing along what he receives. My feeling is that what God has given his people through Kumuyi will be kept and developed long after Kumuyi is gone.

7: Sanctification and Holiness | Pursuing the Truth Ministries

"Music," said Plato, "gives wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and life to everything." Music sets forth what is important to us, what moves us, what changes us, what we long for. So do you know what the first recorded song in the Bible is about?

This week we will look at holiness and the beauty that comes into our lives as we seek to have a lifestyle that honors the God who called us to be His and to be holy. I hope that you are able to work daily on these lessons and allow God to speak to you personally. I know that when I rush through questions just to get answers, I am not allowing God to do His work in me, to use His Word in a powerful way as we saw last week. Before you begin reading and answering questions, take the time to quiet your heart before God and ask Him to speak to you in a very personal and practical way as you open His Word. Day One Study Read 1 Peter 1: We are going to backtrack just a bit today into Chapter 1. You have read it several times already. They will relate to some verses in Chapter Two that we will pick up later this week. There are a number of instructions given in 1: List them just as they are written. Prepare your minds for action Why? Therefore refers back to vv. These instructions involve some specific actions that we are to take as believers. I have to admit that I come up short. For one thing, I am not completely focused on my ultimate salvation. I am way too distracted by the here and the now. Go back through your list of instructions and meditate upon each one. Consider whether you are really obeying them. Are you really preparing your mind for action? What would that look like? Write down your responses to each one. There seems to be a contrast in vv. We are told not to do one thing but instead to do the other. How does this help you better understand what holiness involves? The words holy and sanctified are the same in the Greek, which means separated or set apart. When used of God, holiness reflects His essential character, which is separate from that of people. Look up every verse where they are used in 1 Peter. Do people know that you are a Christian by your lifestyle? Are you any different from anyone else? Spend some time evaluating your attitudes as well as your actions. How godly are they? Share one area in your life where you need God to change you to be more like Him. Respond to God with a prayer, poem, etc. Confess the ungodliness you see, the area where you are not holy as He is holy. Day Two Study Read 1 Peter 2: List the various adjectives or phrases that he uses to describe this Stone. I have given you the first example. Look up in the notes in your study Bible, or even in a regular English dictionary, and write down what you learn about cornerstones. Diamonds in the Word: Look up the cross references given in your Bible to 1 Peter 2: Peter quotes here extensively from the Old Testament. What do you learn from the context of the original passages? Peter uses the Old Testament to make his points in chapter 2. In 1 Peter 2: Jesus applied Psalm Read the verses in Matthew. Who does Jesus indicate has rejected Him? Why would they be similar to builders? Describe a time when your friends or those whom you were trying to help rejected you. Explain how the metaphor of the stone enables you to understand more about Jesus. Write down personal insights from your list of adjectives in 6. Are you among those who disbelieve and reject the Stone, stumbling over Him? Or is Jesus a Stone of precious value for you? Write a letter or a prayer to Jesus. Tell Him how valuable He is in your life. Day Three Study List all the descriptions that Peter uses for believers in vv. Which one of these descriptions is most meaningful to you? What metaphors does Paul use here that we also see 1 Peter 2? Are there any barriers left between the Jews and the Gentiles when we believe in Christ? Support your conclusion from this passage. What do these privileges mean to you personally and why? The Jews were given wonderful privileges in the Old Covenant, which came to them under Moses. However, they began to believe that they were better than other nations. Rather than living gratefully, knowing that it was only by the mercy of God that they were brought into His family, they began to think they deserved His favor. You can see this particularly in the lives of the Pharisees. Diamonds in the Word--Find an incident in the life of Christ where Jesus deals with the Pharisees who are being self-righteous. Do you ever begin to believe that you have somehow deserved the mercy of God because you are so holy? Do you begin to look around you at the world and think that you are so much better than everyone else? However, it is a lie. It is only His work in us that makes us holy, not because we have done it ourselves. Write a response to God concerning any

self-righteousness that you see in your life. Day Four Study In both 1 Peter 2: Edmond Hiebert explains the priesthood of the believer: Why do we no longer need someone else, a priest, to go to God on our behalf? What do you learn here about our situation in prayer as believers in Jesus. What do you learn about their qualifications and their job descriptions? Read these verses and identify the kinds of spiritual sacrifices we make as priests:

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Thus, Holiness Movement Christians believe holiness is attainable in this life through their sanctification experience. 2. The Holiness Movement teaches salvation through Jesus by way of a personal conversion experience in which the individual is "born again" or "saved." This experience of regeneration is considered to be the first blessing.

A deity, especially the supreme Divinity; figuratively, a magistrate; by Hebraism, very. From out, out from among, from, suggesting from the interior outwards. A primary preposition denoting origin, from, out. A rising again, resurrection. From anistemi; a standing up again, i. From an apparently primary nekus; dead. Of Hebrew origin; Jesus, the name of our Lord and two other Israelites. Anointed One; the Messiah, the Christ. From chrio; Anointed One, i. The Messiah, an epithet of Jesus. I, the first-person pronoun. A primary pronoun of the first person I. Lord, master, sir; the Lord. From kuros; supreme in authority, i. According to the spirit of holiness. What are we to understand by the "spirit of holiness"? Are we to regard it as simply convertible with "Holy Spirit"? Or are we to look upon it as corresponding to "the flesh," as "spirit" and "flesh" correspond in man? Again, not quite--or not merely. The spirit of Christ is human, for Christ took upon Him our nature in all its parts. It is human; and yet it is in it more especially that the divinity resides. It is in it that the "Godhead dwells bodily," and the presence of the Godhead is seen in the peculiar and exceptional "holiness" by which it is characterised. The "spirit," therefore, or that portion of His being to which St. Paul gives the name, in Christ, is the connecting-link between the human and the divine, and shares alike in both. It is the divine "enshrined" in the human, or the human penetrated and energised by the divine. It is, perhaps, not possible to get beyond metaphorical language such as this. The junction of the human and divine must necessarily evade exact definition, and to carry such definition too far would be to misrepresent the meaning of the Apostle. We may compare with this passage 1 Timothy 3: The particular act in which the Sonship of Christ was most conspicuously ratified and confirmed was His resurrection from the dead. It was ratified by His resurrection, as a manifestation of transcendent and divine power. It should be observed that this antithesis between the human and divine nature in Christ is not here intended to carry with it any disparagement of the former. Rather the Apostle wishes to bring out the completeness and fulness of the dignity of Christ, as exhibited on both its sides. He is at once the Jewish Messiah and with the Jewish section of the Church at Rome this fact would carry great weight and the Son of God. By the resurrection from the dead. There is a slight distinction to be observed between the two phrases. It is not "by His resurrection from the dead," but in an abstract and general sense, "by the resurrection of the dead"--by that resurrection of which Christ was the firstfruits. Pulpit Commentary Verse 4. It is maintained that this use of the word, though unusual, is legitimate; since a person may be said to be appointed, or determined, to be what he already is, when his being such is declared and manifested. It occurs in the following passages, and always in its proper and usual sense: Of these especially significant are Acts Paul himself, and that it corresponds with the passage before us in that the Resurrection is spoken of as the display to the world of Christ being so appointed or determined. In the sense apparent is Messianic prophecy, and pervading the Epistle to the Hebrews, in the sense which seems intended by St. Paul himself in Acts It is true that St. Paul as was seen under ver. In the last two of these passages, power evidenced in resurrection is contrasted with human weakness evidenced in death: Because of this "spirit of holiness" that was in Christ, "it was not possible that he should be holden of" death Acts 2: Through this, which was in himself - not merely through a Divine power external to himself calling him from the grave, as he had called Lazarus - he overcame death cf. Neither in these passages nor in the one before us is the Holy Spirit meant, in the sense of a distinct Person of the Holy Trinity. The same expression often occurs elsewhere with a comprehensive meaning cf. The resurrection of Christ expressed "the power of an endless life," here and hereafter, for mankind, carrying with it the possibility of the resurrection of all from the dominion of death in the risen Son. One view of the meaning of the whole of the above passage - that of Chrysostom and Melancthon - may be mentioned because of the weight of these authorities, though it cannot be the true one. See explanation given above. Matthew Henry Commentary 1: It spoke of the Son of God, even Jesus the Saviour, the promised Messiah, who came from David as to his human nature, but was also declared to be the

Son of God, by the Divine power which raised him from the dead. The Christian profession does not consist in a notional knowledge or a bare assent, much less in perverse disputings, but in obedience. And all those, and those only, are brought to obedience of the faith, who are effectually called of Jesus Christ. The privilege of Christians; they are beloved of God, and are members of that body which is beloved. The duty of Christians; to be holy, hereunto are they called, called to be saints. These the apostle saluted, by wishing them grace to sanctify their souls, and peace to comfort their hearts, as springing from the free mercy of God, the reconciled Father of all believers, and coming to them through the Lord Jesus Christ.

9: Pastor W. F. Kumuyi – “Deeper Christian Life Ministry

I believe one crucial ingredient to healing our moral confusion is the recovery of the biblical idea of holiness, which includes private morality but so much more – the very life of God in us.

Sanctification and Holiness Sanctification The Holman Bible Dictionary defines sanctification as the process of being made holy resulting in a changed life-style for the believer. In the Greek New Testament, the root hag- is the basis of hagio- words. Hagios, "holiness," "consecration," "sanctification"; hagio- words, "holiness"; hagio- words, "holiness"; hagio- words "to sanctify," "consecrate," "treat as holy," "purify"; and hagio- words, "holy," "saint. The New Testament usage is greatly dependent upon the Greek translation of the Old Testament, the Septuagint, for meaning. The hag- words in the Septuagint mostly translated the Hebrew qadosh, "separate, contrasting with the profane. The moral implications of this word came into focus with the prophets and became a major emphasis in the New Testament. In the case of the Christian, we are set apart for God and we are separate from the world. Sanctification therefore establishes a distinction between the true Christian and the world. Also note that sanctification is closely related to holiness. Holiness Holy has four distinct meanings. First is "to be set apart. Next, it means to be "perfect, transcendent, or spiritually pure, evoking adoration and reverence. Next, it means something or someone who evokes "veneration or awe, being frightening beyond belief. A saint is a holy person To be sanctified is to be made holy. God was holiness in the sense that he is the definition of holiness. Certain times are sanctified in that they are set apart especially to the Lord: The Sabbath Genesis 2: Also the land of Canaan Exodus The various gifts brought in worship were sanctified. Scripture Examination of Sanctification John Note also that since Jesus is the word of God and truth, we are sanctified by Christ. Of course having faith in Christ means that you have accepted the Gospel and are therefore saved. Once saved, we are set apart from the world. This is consistent with salvation when we consider that the Holy Spirit enters into us when we are born again. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. The washing alludes to the act of purification which itself refers to being saved Titus 3: As we said earlier, salvation implies sanctification because of being set apart or made holy. When we are saved, we are justified, made righteous, by faith. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. The unbelieving spouse is purified or consecrated by the believing spouse which enables the to produce pure "Clean" children. They do not practice self control in the area of sex. We are to practice self control which itself distinguishes us from the world. Greek cities like Thessalonica were wide open to all kinds of sexual looseness, even in connection with religious rites. He also points out that our salvation comes as a result of this sanctification work of the Holy Spirit. See also 1 Peter 1: The Anointing There is a relationship between the anointing and sanctification. The word anoint describes the procedure of rubbing or smearing a person or thing, usually with oil, for the purpose of healing, setting apart, or embalming. We will look at the setting apart aspect of anointing since to sanctify means to set apart also. The Anointing of King David As an example of the anointing and sanctification, let us look at the selection of David as King over Judah. He was ruddy, with a fine appearance and handsome features. Samuel then went to Ramah. Note that after David was anointed that the Spirit of God came upon him. The Anointing of the Christian Christians are anointed by God for specific tasks in ministry 2 Corinthians 1: Purpose of Sanctification The first purpose of sanctification is the separation or distinguishing ourselves Christians from the world. We are made holy by the process and act of sanctification by the Holy Spirit. This sanctification gives us the right to say we are children of God, citizens of the Kingdom of God. The second aspect of sanctification involves the anointing or consecration for a specific ministry task. What has God sanctified you for. We all have a purpose and we should discover this purpose and begin the task of fulfilling it. Your sanctification for purpose will be accomplished since it was God who anointed you for that purpose. By faith in God begin to live your purpose and accomplish it without considering the opposing circumstances. Prepared by William R. Cunningham All rights reserved.

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