

# Set Apart!

**Primary Text: 2 Cor 7:1- *“Therefore, since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.”***

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# Questions of Identity

Where am I coming from?

Who am I?

Where am I going?



# What is Holiness?

The Hebrew and Greek (hagiasmos) word for “holiness” indicates the state of a person or thing as being separated from the common affairs of life and consecrated wholly to God.



# What is Holiness?

Genesis 2:3: "So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation."



# What is Holiness?

In other words, holiness is:

- Separation from the world unto God.
- Set apart to God.
- Sanctification; Consecration.



# Why Do we (Christians) have to be holy?

Exodus 3:4-6

“4 When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” 5 Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”



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6 And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.”



# Why Do we (Christians) have to be holy?

1Peter 1:14-16 (ESV)

14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”





Why Do we (Christians) have to be holy?

**We are to be holy for that accords with the character of God who is holy and has called us (believers) to Himself.**



# The Fundamental Conflict...

1Peter 2:9,10

“9But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”



# The Fundamental Conflict...

John 15:18-19

18 “If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates



# The Fundamental Conflict...

## Conflict 1

Believers are constantly being faced with the pressure of compromising on their Godly standards.



# The Fundamental Conflict...

James 4:4 (Reemphasized in 1 John 2:15).  
4 You adulterous people,[a] don't you know that  
friendship with the world means enmity against God?  
Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world  
becomes an enemy of God



# The Fundamental Conflict...

Matthew 13:22

22 As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.



# The Fundamental Conflict...

## Conflict 2

Believers' conformity to worldly standards affects their intimate relationship with God.



# The Call

Purpose of 2 Corinthians: To defend Paul's apostolic ministry and by extension to strengthen the faithful majority and the purity of the church (Chapters 1-7)

Purpose of 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1: Paul's call for Church discipline as an expression of repentance.





"Do not plow with an ox and a donkey yoked together." ~ Deuteronomy 22:10

14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers....



# The Call

For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?  
15 What accord has Christ with Belial?[a] Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever?  
churches.



Entity	Entity	Connotations	Disagreement
Righteousness	Lawlessness	Acts/deeds	No partnership
Christ	Belial (another name of satan)	Lord/God	No accord
Light	Darkness	Representation	No fellowship
Believer	Unbeliever	Personality	No portion
Temple of God	Idols	Place of worship	No agreement



# The Call

“For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,”





# The Call

“I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them,

and I will be their God,  
and they shall be my people.

17 Therefore go out from their midst,  
and be separate from them, says the Lord,  
and touch no unclean thing;



# The Call

then I will welcome you,  
18 and I will be a father to you,  
and you shall be sons and daughters to me,  
says the Lord Almighty.”



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7 Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body[b] and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.



# Conclusion

## 1. What is holiness?

- God declares believers in Jesus Christ holy; that is, he sanctifies us ([1 Corinthians 6:11](#); [1 Peter 1:2](#)) unto Himself

## 2. Why should a Christian be holy?

- We need that nature to have a continual intimate relationship with God.

## Fundamental conflict....

- With this nature, we will always clash with unbelievers on standards

## The Charge to keep.

- Haven been declared holy, believers must make it true in practice. We must have lives of practical sanctification.



# MINISTRY





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NEXT TIME!**