

Holiness One

Hebrews 12:14, "Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord."

When we interpret the scriptures in the light of seeing the Lord, we realize that there will be no revelation of God without the pure attribute of holiness.

- The desire is not to incriminate, discriminate or deflate any individual, but rather to follow the admonition of the Lord.
- Leviticus 11:44, I am the Lord your God; ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy.
- Once true holiness is discontinued in a believer's life or when a church refuses to inspire a called-out people, the direction of sainthood becomes confused.
- Worldliness, worldly attitudes, worldly attire, worldly amusements, worldly fellowship, and worldly integration will pollute and destroy the strength of a church.
- The perpetuation of the doctrine of holiness is a stabilizing force to the church of the living God.
- We are not asked into the arena of holiness when it is convenient, it is our calling! 1Thessalonians 4:7, "For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."

The spirit of holiness; I believe the natural desire of every true born again Christian, is to be like Jesus.

- 11Corinthians 5:17, all things are become new.
- If a person really loves Jesus, they will seek to please him.
- Holiness is not burdensome and the pleasures one obtained from sin and unrighteousness are gone.
- For one to truly enjoy holiness they must first be filled with the Holy Ghost. That's when our spirit is brought into subjection to his spirit.
- We no longer live to justify ourselves in questionable circumstances.
- The delight of our hearts will be to be as much like Jesus as we possibly can.
- Our questions are as such; how can I live more Christ like, and will this glorify my Lord?
- We begin to concentrate on the things we can do, and the things we shouldn't do no longer matter.
- A note for the saints; we do not judge others with harsh words and condemnation, but we do encourage (come along beside) the weak to overcome.

In the Old Testament, righteousness was imputed for obedience. In the New Testament, righteousness was both imputed and directly imparted by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Holiness from the heart; the manner of a persons conduct, speech, dress and recreation is all a direct result of the condition of that persons mind and heart.

- Matthew 12:34, "for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." This is true of a person's speech as well as his entire manner of conduct.
- What is in ones heart is expressed by the way they dress, talk, and act.

Holiness is a glory to God; 11 Corinthians 3:18, Paul stated that “we are transfigured from glory to glory by the spirit of the Lord.”but we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the spirit of the lord.”

- The newborn babe in Christ cannot be expected to have the same understanding of God’s word as the mature saint of God. It is for this reason that the Lord has placed in the church pastors and teachers: for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all comeunto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:12-13)
- Hebrews 6:1, Paul exhorted the Hebrew Christians to go on unto perfection.
- There are very few problems if any when a born again Christian obeys the word of God, and heeds the voice of the Holy Ghost.

Holiness is a necessity not an option; Fellowship with God is broken because of sin, carnality, and compromise.

- Not one sin will enter heaven. If sin could enter heaven it would cease to be heaven.
- Holiness is living a life of victory, free from sin and condemnation- a requirement for making it into heaven.
- Listen closely to Ephesians 5:27, Christ’s bride is a glorious church without spot or wrinkle. Jesus is not returning for a worldly, rebellious and sinful church.
- He is returning for a holy church that has a glorious fellowship with him.
- Any and every Christian that has a sincere desire and deep love for Jesus Christ and plans to be in the rapture, will gladly lay aside every weight and every sin to be robed with the righteousness of God.