

Called to Be Holy!

1 Peter 1:13-16

THE HOLINESS OF GOD

God's holiness is transcendently _____.

God's holiness is a dangerous thing for _____ people. God is Holy. We are not. Yet, God commands us to be. This is the greatest problem of humanity.

_____ is the only solution to our unholiness.

THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS

Through union with Christ, there is a holiness we _____ (Rom. 3:21-26). However, there is also a holiness we must _____ (Heb. 12:14). Imputed holiness should propel us to pursue practical holiness.

As we pursue holiness, we bring holiness to _____ (2 Cor. 7:1).

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "BE HOLY?"

The basic meaning of the Greek word "holy" in verses 15 and 16 is " _____ " or " _____ " or " _____ " from the rest.

HOW DO WE PURSUE HOLINESS?

We pursue holiness by obeying the _____ (Mk. 12:30-31).

To obey the Great Commandment is to pursue _____. In other words, to love God with all your mind is to pursue the mind of Christ. To love God with all your heart is to pursue the heart of Christ. To love God with all your strength is to pursue the hands of Christ.

WHY SHOULD WE PURSUE HOLINESS?

If we neglect the pursuit of holiness, we diminish the _____ Jesus offers, we damage our _____, we weaken our Christian _____, we impair our _____ with God, and we ultimately _____ God.

An ongoing neglect of holiness may reveal an _____. The pursuit of holiness verifies our justification. God's Word frequently motivates us to pursue holiness, because as we do so, our faith is displayed, God is glorified, and we are blessed.

THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT PURSUING HOLINESS

God gives us all the _____ we need for radical spiritual growth (Jn. 3:34; 2 Pet. 1:3).

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing* in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, *that we should be holy and blameless* before him." (Eph. 1:3-4)

If radical change is missing, what's lacking is not on _____ end; it's on end.

CONCLUSION

Is holiness your greatest pursuit in life?

"If anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. (2 Tim. 2:21)