

## SPIRIT OF HOLINESS

### 1. GOD IS HOLY.

1. Ex. 15:11 - *"Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?"*
2. Eph. 4:24 - *"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."*
3. I Peter 1:15 - *"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation..."*

### 2. HE HAS COMMANDED US TO BE HOLY.

1. II Co. 7:1 - *"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God."*
2. I th. 4:7 - *"For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."*
3. Heb. 12:14 - *"Follow peace with all (men), and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:..."*
4. I Pet. 1:16 - *"Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."*
5. Rom. 12:1 - *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, (which is) your reasonable service."*
6. Eph. 1:4 - *"According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love..."*
7. Eph. 5:27 - *"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."*
8. Col. 1:22 - *"...to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight."*

9. Ro. 6:19 - *"...for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness."*

### 3. WHAT IS HOLINESS?

1. Godesh (ko'desh) (Heb.)
  1. Apartness; sacredness, separateness.
  2. Refers to God, places, things.
2. Basically the same as being sanctified--being set apart unto God.
3. Synonymous with cleanliness; often uncleanness is contrasted with holiness.
4. Many have made holiness synonymous with externalism--what you wear; what you look like; where you go; what you do.
5. To become holy means to become like God; in the likeness of his nature and his attributes.
6. The Word of God does speak out coming out from among them (the world) and to be separate.
  1. II Cor. 6:17 - *"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean (thing); and I will receive you..."*
  2. We are a peculiar people (distinct; separated; unique; different from the world) (I Pe. 2:9).
7. We are not to be conformed to this world (Rom. 12:2).
8. We are not to love the world nor the things in the world (I John 2:15)
  1. The things that are in the world are the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (I Jn. 2:16).
  2. The world will pass away with its lust, but he that doeth the will of God abides forever (I Jn. 2:17).

### 4. WE ARE TO CLEANSE OURSELVES FROM THE FILTHINESS OF THE FLESH

AND THE SPIRIT--PERFECTING HOLINESS (II Co. 7:1).

1. Filthiness of the flesh.
  1. Any uncleanness that defiles the body.
    1. Adultery; fornication; other sexual sins.
    2. Defiling the temple of God.
    3. Filthy habits which could be in the form of smoking tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, etc. (Is there anything any filthier?).
  2. Filthiness of the spirit.
    1. Having unclean spirits.
    2. Unclean thoughts.
    3. Unclean attitudes.
    4. Unclean heart.
    5. Filthy conversation (which comes from the heart).
  
5. TAKING ON THE SPIRIT OF HOLINESS ALSO MEANS TO BE TEMPERATE IN ALL THINGS.
  1. Moderation in dress and appearance.
  2. Moderation in the intake of food and drink.
  3. Controlling our tempers; learning to be kind and gentle.
  
6. HOW DO WE BECOME HOLY?
  1. Through the work of cleansing--there are two cleansings.
  2. We are cleaned through the blood.
    1. *"Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin" (Ps. 51:2).*
    2. *"Purge me with hyssop (a sponge that applied blood), and I shall be clean..." (Ps. 51:7a).*
    3. Heb. 13:12 - *"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify (make holy) the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate."*
    4. The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all our sins (I John 1:7).

5. What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!
3. We are cleansed through the washing of the water of the Word.
  1. Eph. 5:26 - *"That he might sanctify (set apart; make holy) and cleanse it (the church) with the washing of water by the word."*
  2. John 17:17 - *"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."*
4. *"...wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow"* (Ps. 51:7b).
5. Water represents a type of cleansing, as typified by the water basin that resided in the holy place of the tabernacle of Moses, where the priests washed their hands before entering the Holy of Holies.
6. The blood of Jesus washes us clean--makes us a new creation--delivers us from the power and nature of sin.
7. The washing by the water of the Word represents the progressive cleansing which results in our daily walk.
  1. This can be seen in the symbolism of foot-washing.
  2. When Jesus began to wash the disciples feet, he declared *"...He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit; and ye are clean, but not all."*
  3. Jesus was saying that when you are cleansed (saved by the blood) you don't need further washing except for your feet (by water), which are dirty from walking in the dust (the course of our walk).
  4. We are cleansed once by the blood of Jesus, but many times by the washing of the water of the Word (because of our daily walk).
8. The Word has a cleansing or purifying effect.
  1. The Word is like a looking glass (the water basin in the Holy Place was made of looking glasses--capable of reflecting what manner of person we are).
    1. We look into this word to see what manner of person we are (James 1:23-24).
    2. We look into the glass to see the glory of God--see what we should become--then proceed to be changed into this same

image from glory to glory (II Cor. 3:18) - *"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."*

3. The Word becomes our standard by which we are measured-- to see where we come up short in comparison with the Lord, who is holy.
9. The Word becomes a chastiser that brings us to holiness.
  1. Heb. 12:10 - *"For they verily for a few days chastened (us) after their own pleasure; but he for (our) profit, that (we) might be partakers of his holiness."*
  2. *"But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world"* (I Cor. 11:32).
  3. The Word becomes the standard that judges us.
  4. *"For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged"* (I Cor 11:31).
  5. To be chastised means to be disciplined; to be taught. We are chastised or discipline by the Word of God--for it is the Word that reflects the person we are which then motivates us to become pure as He is pure.
7. WHO SHALL ASCEND INTO THE HOLY HILL OF THE LORD?
  1. Or who shall stand in his holy place?
  2. "He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully" (Ps. 24:3-4)
8. WHO SHALL ABIDE THE DAY OF HIS COMING? (Mal. 3:2-3).
  1. Who shall stand when he appears?
  2. For he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap.
  3. He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons

of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.