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GOD'S DESIRE FOR A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS

Radical Holiness



Part of the 'Growing Together'
Discipleship Stream



Questions To Ponder

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Our Challenge

- Will we seek to 'raise the bar' when it comes to truth telling
- Will we reflect on whether lies have crept into our day lives
- Will we therefore seek to make a change in how we live?

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Holiness

- Dull & Boring
- Grey
- A list of do's and don't
- Another loop to jump through
- Something I will never attain



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1 Peter 1:16 – Be Holy, for I am Holy

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1 Peter 1:1 - Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To the pilgrims of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

1 Peter 2:9-10 - But 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;

who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.



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Holiness – What Does It Mean

Exodus 3:5 Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is ***holy*** ground.”

Holy – Qodesh

Set-apart, separated, sacredness

‘To Cut’



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Holiness – Seat in Relationship

Hebrews 8:10 – I will be their God and they will be my people

Leviticus 26:12 - I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.



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G O D ' S D E S I R E F O R A C O M M U N I T Y O F B E L I E V E R S

Ekklesia (Ecclesia)

An assembly of People

An assembly of people set apart

The Called out One's



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Ephesians 2:14-16 - For Christ himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in his own body on the cross, he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

Ephesians 2:19-22 - So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.



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THE PLACES IN GREATEST NEED OF TRANSFORMING POWER OF JESUS ARE OFTEN THE PLACES WHERE THE CHURCH IS IN DECLINE

We send and support teams of urban missionaries for these places – to live sacrificially, share the gospel and build authentic community.



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God's work in setting you apart

Zechariah 3:4- "Take off his filthy clothes." And turning to Jeshua he said, "See, I have taken away your sins, and now I am giving you these fine new clothes."

Ezekiel 36:26 - And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart.

Romans 12:2...let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

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Holiness is Transformational

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- **Set Apart**
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- **God declares us Holy**

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Isaiah 64:6 - But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

Romans 3:23 - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,



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- **What Christ has done for us**

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Be Holy In Your Conduct

1 Peter 1:13-16 - Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”



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Romans 6:19 - I am speaking in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness, resulting in further lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, resulting in sanctification.

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Being Holy is not

Being so set apart that we do not interact and live with society

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