

2 Cor. 5:17- Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

We can be CHANGED through Christ!

"Holiness, not happiness, is the chief end of man."

Oswald Chambers

Ephesians 1:3,4 - Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight..."

We must LIVE UP to our divine calling!

1 Peter 2:9,10 - But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

# God DEMANDS holiness

1 Peter 1:15,16 - But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

Holiness is the KEY to intimacy with God

## **Hebrews 12:14**

"...without holiness no one will see the Lord."



Exodus 3:1-5- Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight--why the bush does not burn up."

When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." Do not come any closer, God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

HOLINESS is all about "Separation" and "Consecration"

Separated FOR God

Separated FROM the world

HOLINESS is separation from the "secular" to the "sacred"

James 1:27 - Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

We must PRACTICE Holiness

#### FLEE!

2 Timothy 2:22 - Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

## ABSTAIN!

1 Peter 2:11- Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul.

#### DISCIPLINE!

2 Timothy 1:7-9 - For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of <u>self-discipline</u>...But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of <u>God who has saved us and called us to a holy life--</u>not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.

## TRAIN YOURSELF!

1 Timothy 4:7,8 - "...train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.



We are "sanctified" by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT

## SANCTIFICATION

2 Thess. 2:13 – "But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth..."

# SANCTIFICATION

1 Corinthians 6:11 - And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Be READY to be CHANGED by the Holy Spirit!

