

Attributes of God (Holiness, part 3)

The word holy has a primary and secondary meaning.

- 1.) Primary- The word Holy comes from the Hebrew word “Kadosh” which means: to set apart, separateness, apartness, sacred, cut out from, otherness.
- 2.) Secondary- Pure and righteous actions, morally good

There are times when objects or things that are not of human nature are considered holy. Does that mean that these things are righteous in their actions or morally good? How does something or someone become holy? The only way anyone or anything can be holy is they have been declared holy by the divine will and declaration of the Holy One. God sets things and people apart and declares them holy which is the only way anything in creation can be holy.

Examples

Genesis 2:3 Seventh Day/Sabbath

Exodus 3:5 Holy Ground

Exodus 19:23 Mount Sinai

Exodus 40:9-10 Tabernacle and all its furnishings

Leviticus 2:3 Grain offerings

Deuteronomy 7:6 Israel a holy nation

Mark 8:38 Angels

Hebrews 9:1-3 Tabernacle- Holy Place and Holy of Holies

Believers in Christ are declared holy, not because they are holy in themselves, but because He has declared us holy.

Sanctification

The word Greek word for sanctification is *hagiozo* which means: to separate, consecrate; cleanse, purify, sanctify; regard, or reverence as holy.

Immediate/positional sanctification-This occurs at the time of our salvation as God declares us holy and set apart from this world and rescues us from kingdom of darkness by His own purpose. This declaration is paralleled with the declaration of us being righteousness by the imputed righteousness of Christ in justification.

- **1 Corinthians 6:11** Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.
- **2 Thessalonians 2:13** But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you ^[a]from the beginning for salvation ^[b]through sanctification ^[c]by the Spirit and faith in the truth.
- **Hebrews 10:10** By ^[a]this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
- **1 Peter 1:1-2** Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen ²according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, ^[a]to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace ^[b]be yours in the fullest measure.
- **Colossians 1:21** And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds, ²²yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach

Progressive sanctification- This occurs throughout our Christian lives as we are becoming more separate from the world in our actions and more conformed to the image of God.

- **Romans 12:1-2** Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, ^[a]acceptable to God, *which is* your ^[b]spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this ^[c]world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may ^[d]prove what the will of God is, that which is good and ^[a]acceptable and perfect.
- **2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1** Do not be ^[u]bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵ Or what harmony has Christ with ^[k]Belial, or ^[u]what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them and walk among them; And I will be their God, and they shall be My people." ¹⁷ "Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate," says the Lord. "And do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you." ¹⁸ "And I will be a father to you, And you shall be sons and daughters to Me," Says the Lord Almighty. Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
- **1 Thessalonians 3:3-8** so that no one would be ^[a]disturbed by these afflictions; for you yourselves know that we have been destined for this. ⁴ For indeed when we were with you, we *kept* telling you in advance that we were going to suffer affliction; ^[b]and so it came to pass, ^[c]as you know. ⁵ For this reason, when I could endure *it* no longer, I also sent to ^[d]find out about your faith, for fear that the tempter might have tempted you, and our labor would be in vain. ⁶ But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you, ⁷ for this reason, brethren, in all our distress and affliction we were comforted about you through your faith; ⁸ for now we *really* live, if you stand firm in the Lord.
- **Hebrews 12:14** Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.
- **1 Peter 1:14-16** As ^[a]obedient children, do not ^[b]be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, ¹⁵ but ^[c]like the Holy One who called you, ^[d]be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior; ¹⁶ because it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."