

LESSON 41

Topic: Holiness

Text: Colossians 3:1-13; 1 Peter 1: 14-16

Aim: To remind believers of God's holy nature and the divine requirement to live in holiness.

Introduction: Holiness is defined as the state of being pure. From our text in Colossians, we see that the foundation and ability for one to live a holy life begins with salvation. The moment we are saved, we are made holy, and we are thereafter called to continue in holy living. We must remain committed to living in holiness daily in our words, actions, and thoughts. Justification by faith does not mean that no effort is required anymore; rather, we are called to live holy lives in conformity with the word of God, relying on the help of the Holy Spirit.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is holiness a mandatory lifestyle for all believers? Leviticus 19: 1-2; Hebrews 12:14; 2 Timothy 1:9
2. How can one live and continue in holiness? Phil. 4:8; Titus 2: 11-12; 2 Cor. 6:17; Acts 15:28 - 29; Psalm 119:9
3. What are the challenges to living a holy life, and how can we overcome them? Gen. 39:7 - 9, 19-20; Eph. 6:11 - 12, 18; Dan. 6:5 - 10.

Conclusion: From the study, we see that God by His nature is holy and anyone who desires to walk with Him must be holy as well. Holiness is not optional, it is God's command, and without it, no one shall see Him. Although challenges such as persecution, trials, and temptations may arise, the examples of Joseph and Daniel remind us that holiness can be sustained through perseverance, faith, and continual fellowship with God. Therefore, every believer must make holiness a lifestyle, walk in obedience to God's word, relying on the power of the Holy Spirit.

Memory Verse: Hebrews 12: 14 - "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord" (NIV)