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1 Peter 1

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Matthew 6

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Romans 11

16 For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

Romans 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.

Matthew 7

6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

Luke 1

63 And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all.

64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God.

65 And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea.

66 And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, What manner of child shall this be! And the hand of the Lord was with him.

67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

68 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

69 And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

70 As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

71 That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;

72 To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

73 The oath which he sware to our father Abraham,

74 That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear,

75 In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.

Luke 11

13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly

Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

John 14

26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Acts 5

3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

Romans 1

2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

Romans 6

22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 7

12 Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

Romans 16

16 Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

1 Corinthians 16

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20 All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one another with an holy kiss.

2 Corinthians 13

12 Greet one another with an holy kiss.

1 Peter 5

14 Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

1 Corinthians 3

17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

1 Corinthians 6

19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1 Corinthians 7

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.

2 Corinthians 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.

1 Corinthians 1

30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

1 Thessalonians 4

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

2 Thessalonians 2

13 But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:

1 Peter 1

2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

Ephesians 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:

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of

truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

Ephesians 2

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

Ephesians 4

24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Ephesians 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.

Colossians 1

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

1 Thessalonians 2

10 Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

1 Thessalonians 3

13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

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1 Thessalonians 4

7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

1 Timothy 2

8 I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

2 Timothy 1

9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Titus 1

7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;

Titus 2

3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

Hebrews 3

1 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle

and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

Hebrews 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.

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

1 Peter 1

15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

1 Peter 2

5 Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:

1 Peter 3

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

2 Peter 1

21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

2 Peter 2

21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.

2 Peter 3

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

Jude 1

20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

Revelation 15

4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.

Revelation 22

6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let

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him be righteous still: and he
that is holy, let him be holy
still.

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Introduction

The doctrine of holiness is part of Christ's doctrine. Being holy and living a holy life before God is a commanded activity – see 1 Thessalonians 4:4.

When Jesus dealt with the religious leaders who wanted to stone the adulterous woman, he is quoted as saying to her in John 8:

9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?

11 She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

The religious leaders knew they were not without sin. Furthermore, we see Jesus' compassion and righteousness together: "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

In John chapter 5, Jesus heals the man with an infirmity of thirty-eight years at the pool of Bethesda. Later that day Jesus finds the man in the temple, and he said to him in verse 14, "Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee."

John wrote in 1 John 2:1: "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous...."

In the following verse, John writes: "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

We know Jesus died for the sins of the whole world, but we do not continue in sin once we are saved. Paul wrote this in Romans 6:1-2:

1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

The whole 6th chapter of Romans is a discourse on not sinning.

The Definition of Holiness

We can define holiness as being more like God and being less sinful. That is, abstaining from sinful practices, thoughts, desires, and actions. As Christians, we should even avoid the appearance of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22).

True holiness can only be achieved through the help of God – washing our sins away (1 Corinthians 6:11) and being sealed with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13).

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Sin can be understood as being the transgression of the law – see 1 John 3:4 and James 2:11. Although believers in Christ are no longer “under the law” (see Romans 6:14 and Galatians 5:18); but under grace, we *should not* continue in sin.

There is no transgression where there is no law (Romans 4:15), so one can say since we are under grace that our sins are constantly forgiven. However, when a believer transgresses that which is in the law, he hinders his fellowship with God – see 1 John 1:4-10. He also should expect the chastisement of God according to Hebrews 12:6-14.

There are also the New Testament laws of Christ that believers are to obey. Christ’s laws are higher and more extensive than the law given by Moses. Obeying Christ’s laws by definition fulfills all Old Testament laws; therefore, although not under Moses’ law, we fulfil all laws as we follow Christ. This in its simplest form is the doctrine of holiness.

Holiness in Witnessing

A believer’s life must match his lip. If he is to be an effective witness for Christ, his life must reflect the holiness of Christ. His light must shine and glorify his Father in heaven (Matthew 5:16).

Holiness in Leadership

When one is in a leadership position, others will follow. It is important that the leader be careful to be a pattern of holiness and good works. If a leader is carnal, his followers will be the same. If a leader is holy, his followers will strive to be likewise. To understand this principle, we need go only as far as to see that our Savior Jesus Christ, is most holy, and we are to follow him.

The requirement for holiness in leaders extends to every type of leadership:

Family leadership – you want your house to serve the Lord and be blessed. You want your children to live righteous lives. Most of what they will learn is from the life of their parents. What parents do in moderation the kids will do in excess.

Church leadership – as a church leader people will follow your example, ensample, and pattern of good works. You should live not only a holy life, but a transparent life as well so people can learn from how you live.

People leadership – Men and women who lead in business, education, social work, etc., need to be of Christian character so that the ones who watch you have nothing evil to say. We know they are always watching:

1 Peter 2:11 – Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

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1 Peter 3:15 – But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

1 Peter 4:14 – If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

Holiness Abounds to Personal Rewards

We shall be judged for the things done in the body, whether good or bad. 2 Corinthians 5:10 – For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

The Connection of Holiness to Love Commandment Doctrine

Jesus said in John 14:15: “If ye love me, keep my commandments.” The Lord’s commandments are not grievous – “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous” (1 John 5:3). Jesus’ yoke is easy, and his burden is light (Matthew 11:30).

What Jesus commands us to do benefits our own selves, the world around us, our family, and God himself. Jesus commanded us in Matthew 6:33 saying, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

We must seek God’s righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ. Secondly, we live holy because 1 Peter 1:15-16 says, “15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Jesus is holy (Revelation 4:8), God’s word is holy (2 Peter 2:21; 2 Timothy 3:15). The Holy Ghost is holy, and we are a Holy priesthood (1 Peter 2:5, 9).

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Lesson 1: The Doctrine of Christ Includes the Doctrine of Holiness

I. The Doctrine of Christ Contains His Commandments

- A. Mark 12:38 – And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces,
- B. Mark 1:27 – And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine is this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him.
- C. Matthew 15:9 – But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.

II. The Doctrine of Christ Contains His Teaching

- A. Matthew 7:28 – And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:
- B. 29 For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.
- C. Mark 4:2 – And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine,

III. The Doctrine of Christ Contains his Ensample

- A. 2 Corinthians 5:21 – For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
- B. Matthew 11:29 – Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
- C. John 8:12 – Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

IV. The Doctrine of Christ Contains His Being

- A. Jesus is the Son of God
- B. Matthew 5:17 – Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.
- C. Matthew 20:15 – Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?

V. Do God's Will to Understand Doctrine

- A. John 7:16 – Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.
- B. 17 If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.
- C. Romans 6:17 – But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.

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- D. 1 Timothy 4:16 – Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

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Lesson 2: The Commandments in Respect to Holiness

I. The Commandment to be Holy

- A. Matthew 6:33 – But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- B. John 8:11 – She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.
- C. 1 Peter 1:15 – But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;
- D. 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

II. Christ's Teaching on Holiness

- A. John 8:34 – Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.
- B. Galatians 1:4 – Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:

III. The Christ's Example on Holiness

- A. 2 Corinthians 5:21 – For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
- B. Hebrews 4:15 – For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
- C. Hebrews 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.
- D. Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,
- E. 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- F. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.
- G. 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

IV. The Christ's Doctrine of Holiness

- A. Jesus is born of a virgin
- B. Jesus is the Son of God
- C. Jesus knew no sin
- D. Jesus proved he had no sin at the temptation – Matthew 4

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- E. Revelation 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;
- F. John 1:29 – The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
- G. John 8:42 – Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me.
- H. 43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.
- I. 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.
- J. 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.
- K. 46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?
- L. 47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God.
- M. 48 Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?
- N. 49 Jesus answered, I have not a devil; but I honour my Father, and ye do dishonour me.
- O. 50 And I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.
- P. 51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.
- Q. John 16:8 – And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
- R. 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;
- S. Ephesians 1:7 – In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

V. Jesus' Doctrine is According to Godliness

- A. 1 Timothy 6:3 – If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;
- B. 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,
- C. 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.
- D. Titus 2:7 – In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

VI. Other Passages

- A. Jesus tempted but without sin – Hebrews 4:15
- B. God cannot be tempted with evil – James 1:13-15
- C. Tempted but no sin because word of God was hid in his heart – Matthew 4
- D. Gospel is according to godliness – 1 Timothy 1:8-16; 6:3
- E. Worship God in spirit and in truth – John 4:20-24
- F. A man meet for the Master's use – 2 Timothy 2:21
- G. Jesus prays for us to be kept from evil – John 17:15

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Lesson 3: The Call to Holiness

I. The Call to Holiness

- A. 1 Thessalonians 4:7 – For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.
- B. Romans 6:19 – I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: 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.
- C. 22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.
- D. 1 Thessalonians 3:13 – To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.
- E. 2 Corinthians 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.

II. The Call to Glory and Virtue

- A. 2 Peter 1:3 – According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

III. The New Man is Holy

- A. Ephesians 4:24 – And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.
- B. 2 Corinthians 5:17 – Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
- C. Colossians 3:10 – And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
- D. 1 Peter 4:1 – Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;
- E. 2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.
- F. 3 For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries:
- G. 4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:
- H. 5 Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

IV. God is Holy

- A. 1 Peter 1:15 – But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;
- B. 1 Peter 2:21 – For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

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- C. 1 John 3:1 – Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

V. Called to be Saints

- A. Romans 1:7 – To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- B. 1 Corinthians 1:2 – Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:
- C. 1 Thessalonians 2:12 – That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.
- D. Galatians 5:13 – For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

VI. Your Sanctification is the Will of God

- A. 1 Thessalonians 4:1 – Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.
- B. 2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.
- C. 3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:
- D. 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;
- E. 5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:
- F. 6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.
- G. 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

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Lesson 4: What is Holiness?

I. The Definition of Holy

- A. As used with the “Holy Ghost” – sacred, holy.
- B. Set apart
- C. Different
- D. Sacred

II. Holy Ghost Usage

- A. 90 verses in the New Testament use the term “Holy Ghost.”
- B. Matthew 1:18 – Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.
- C. Strong’s 40
- D. hágios: sacred, holy
- E. Original Word: ἅγιος, ἴα, ον
- F. Part of Speech: Adjective
- G. Transliteration: hágios
- H. Phonetic Spelling: (hag’-ee-os)
- I. Definition: sacred, holy
- J. Usage: set apart by (or for) God, holy, sacred.
- K. 40 hágios – properly, different (unlike), other (“otherness”), holy; for the believer,
- L. 40 (hágios) means “likeness of nature with the Lord” because “different from the world.”
- M. The fundamental (core) meaning of 40 (hágios) is “different” – thus a temple in the 1st century was hágios (“holy”) because different from other buildings (Wm. Barclay). In the NT, 40 /hágios (“holy”) has the “technical” meaning “different from the world” because “like the Lord.”
- N. 40 (hágios) implies something “set apart” and therefore “different (distinguished/distinct)” – i.e. “other,” because special to the Lord.]
- O. ἁγίου (hagiou)
- P. Definition: sacred, holy
- Q. Usage: set apart by (or for) God, holy, sacred.
- R. Literally – different + other
- S. Not of the world.
- T. Nature of the Lord.

III. Strong’s 40 Usage Very Regular in the New Testament as Holy

- A. Strong’s 40 used almost everywhere for “holy.”
- B. Below are different usages of the word “holy.”
- C. Matthew 4:5 – Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,
- D. Matthew 7:6 – Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

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- E. Mark 6:20 – For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just man and an holy, and observed him; and when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly.
- F. Mark 8:38 – Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.
- G. Luke 11:13 – If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?
- H. Acts 3:21 – Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.
- I. Romans 1:2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)
- J. Romans 7:12 – Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.
- K. Romans 11:16 – For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.
- L. Romans 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.
- M. Romans 16:16 – Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.
- N. 1 Corinthians 3:17 – If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.
- O. 1 Corinthians 7:14 – For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.
- P. 34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.
- Q. Ephesians 3:5 – Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;
- R. Ephesians 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.

IV. **Strong's 3741 Usage in Eight Places as *Holy***

- A. Strong's 3741
- B. hosios: righteous, pious, holy
- C. Original Word: ὁσιος, ἱα, ἱον
- D. Part of Speech: Adjective
- E. Transliteration: hosios
- F. Phonetic Spelling: (hos'-ee-os)
- G. Definition: righteous, pious, holy
- H. Usage: holy, pious, godly, beloved of God.
- I. 3741 hósios – properly, what is sanctioned by a higher law (especially divine law), i.e. accords with divine truth (providence) and hence deserves respect (reverence).
- J. Deserving pious respect.
- K. Acts 2:27 – Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.
- L. Acts 13:35 – Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.
- M. 1 Timothy 2:8 – I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

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- N. Titus 1:8 – But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;
 - O. Hebrews 7:26 – For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;
 - P. Revelation 15:4 – Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.
 - Q. Also used Acts 13:34 the sure “mercies” of David and Revelation 16:5 “Lord”.
- V. Strong’s 1858 Used Once as *Holy***
- A. Strong’s 1859
 - B. heorté: a feast, a festival
 - C. Original Word: ἑορτή, ἥς, ἡ
 - D. Part of Speech: Noun, Feminine
 - E. Transliteration: heorté
 - F. Phonetic Spelling: (heh-or-tay’)
 - G. Definition: a feast, a festival
 - H. Usage: a festival, feast, periodically recurring.
 - I. Colossians 2:16 – Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:
 - J. This Greek word is usually translated “feast.”
- VI. Strong’s 2413 Used Two Times in KJV as *Holy***
- A. Strong’s 2413
 - B. hieros: sacred, a sacred thing, a temple
 - C. Original Word: ἱερός, ἄ, ὄν
 - D. Part of Speech: Adjective
 - E. Transliteration: hieros
 - F. Phonetic Spelling: (hee-er-os’)
 - G. Definition: sacred, a sacred thing, a temple
 - H. Usage: sacred, holy, set apart.
 - I. hierós (an adjective) – properly, sacred (because associated with God’s sanctuary, the Temple); consecrated to deity and therefore “holy,” i.e. inviolably sacred because acceptable for God’s service.
 - J. 1 Corinthians 9:13 – Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar?
 - K. 2 Timothy 3:15 – And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
 - L. Also used in Colossians 4:13 (Hierapolis).
- VII. Translation of “*Holy*” in Other Languages**
- A. Matthew 1:18 – Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.

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- B. Holy Ghost – English
- C. Espíritu Santo – Spanish
- D. Espírito Santo – Portuguese
- E. Esprit Saint – French (Darby)
- F. Saint-Esprit – French (Martin (1744)
- G. Spirito Santo – Italian

VIII. Translation of Holiness in Other Languages

- A. 1 Thessalonians 4:7 – For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.
- B. Holiness – English
- C. Santificación – Spanish
- D. Santificação – Portuguese
- E. Saintete – French (Darby)
- F. Sanctification – French (Martin 1744)
- G. Santificazione -- Italian

IX. Sanctification in Comparison – Usage and Translation

- A. 1 Corinthians 1:30 – But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:
- B. 1 Thessalonians 4:3 – For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:
- C. 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;
- D. 2 Thessalonians 2:13 – But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:
- E. 1 Peter 1:2 – Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.
- F. Strongs 38
- G. hagasmos: consecration, sanctification
- H. Original Word: ἁγιασμός, οὔ, ὁ
- I. Part of Speech: Noun, Masculine
- J. Transliteration: hagasmos
- K. Phonetic Spelling: (hag-ee-as-mos')
- L. Definition: consecration, sanctification
- M. Usage: the process of making or becoming holy, set apart, sanctification, holiness, consecration.
- N. Cognate: 38 hagiasmós (a masculine noun derived from 40 /hágios, “holy”) – sanctification (the process of advancing in holiness); use of the believer being progressively transformed by the Lord into His likeness (similarity of nature). See 40 /hagios (“holy”).
- O. Translated “holiness” in romans 6:19; 6:22; 1 Thessalonians 4:7; 1 Timothy 2:15; and Hebrews 12:14.

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Lesson 5: Jesus Has True Holiness – No Sin

I. Jesus is Truly Holy

- A. Hebrews 7:26 – For such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;
- B. Revelation 3:7 – And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth;
- C. Revelation 6:10 – And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

II. God, Jesus, and the Holy Ghost Alone are Holy

- A. Revelation 15:4 – Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.
- B. These three are one and are intrinsically holy.
- C. Other things are *made holy* by a holy God.
- D. See Lesson 16, Point V.

III. Jesus is Without Sin

- A. Hebrews 4:15 – For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.
- B. Hebrews 9:28 – So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.
- C. John 8:46 – Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?
- D. John 8:29 – And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him.

IV. Jesus Was Conceived of the Holy Ghost

- A. Matthew 1:20 – But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.
- B. No earthly father.
- C. Sin is passed down from father.
- D. Romans 5:12 – Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

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V. Only a Perfect Offering for Sin is Acceptable to God

- A. Exodus 12:5 – Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:
- B. John 1:29 – The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.
- C. 36 And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!
- D. 2 Corinthians 5:21 – For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
- E. 1 Peter 1:18 – Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;
- F. 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

VI. The Impeccability of Jesus Christ

- A. Impeccability is the absence of sin.
- B. The New Testament teaches this to be an attribute of God.
- C. God cannot sin
- D. God would have to act against his own will and nature
- E. Jesus is God, and therefore impeccability is also attributed to Christ.
- F. Definitions of *Impeccability* (adjective):
- G. Flawless
- H. Free from fault or blame
- I. Not capable of sinning
- J. Not liable to sin.

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Lesson 6: Jesus is the Standard for Holiness

I. We are to be Holy Like Christ

- A. 1 Peter 1:15 – But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;
- B. 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

II. Christ is Our Example

- A. 1 Peter 2:21 – For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:
- B. John 13:15 – For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.
- C. 1 Corinthians 4:16 – Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me.
- D. 1 Corinthians 11:1 – Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.
- E. James 5:10 – Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, for an example of suffering affliction, and of patience.

III. Study of 1 John 3

- A. 1 John 3:1 – Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
- B. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
- C. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.
- D. 4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.
- E. 5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.
- F. 6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.
- G. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.
- H. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.
- I. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

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Lesson 7: Our Holiness is Not Sinlessness

I. All Have Sinned

A. Romans 3:23 – For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

II. Wages of Sin is Death

A. Romans 6:23 – For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

III. Adam Brought Sin into the World

A. Romans 5:12 – Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

IV. If We Say We Have No Sin We Decieve Ourselves

- A. 1 John 1:5 – This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.
- B. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:
- C. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- D. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

V. If We Confess Our Sins, We Have Forgiveness

A. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

VI. If We Say We Have Not Sinned We Make God a Liar

A. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

VII. Our Righteousness is Imputed Through Faith in Jesus Christ

- A. Romans 4:13 – For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.
- B. 14 For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:
- C. 15 Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.

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- D. 16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,
- E. 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.
- F. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.
- G. 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:
- H. 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;
- I. 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.
- J. 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.
- K. 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;
- L. 24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;
- M. 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.
- N. James 2:23 – And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.
- O. Romans 1:17 – For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.
- P. Romans 4:4 – Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt.
- Q. 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.
- R. 6 Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,
- S. 7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.
- T. 8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

VIII. Jesus Christ is Our Righteousness

- A. Romans 3:21 – But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;
- B. 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
- C. 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
- D. 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
- E. 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;
- F. 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.
- G. Romans 8:4 – That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.
- H. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

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Lesson 8: How is a Person Made Holy?

I. The Salvation of the Soul is at Salvation

- A. Salvation of the soul – by receiving the gospel
- B. Sanctification of the Body – by abstaining from sin
- C. Sanctification of the spirit – by receiving the word of God

II. We are Called unto Holiness

- A. 1 Thessalonians 4:7 – For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.
- B. 2 Corinthians 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.
- C. Hebrews 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.
- D. 14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

III. We Have Christ's Righteousness Imputed at Salvation through Faith

- A. Imputed righteousness
- B. Imputed holiness of the soul
- C. Sealed with the Holy Ghost
- D. Romans 4:19 – And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:
- E. 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;
- F. 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.
- G. 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.
- H. 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;
- I. 24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;
- J. 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.
- K. 2 Corinthians 5:19 – To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.
- L. James 2:23 – And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.
- M. 1 Peter 1:9 – Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

IV. Jesus is the Propitiation for Our Sins

- A. Romans 3:25 – Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

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- B. 1 John 2:2 – And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.
- C. 1 John 4:10 – Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.
- D. Ephesians 5:2 – And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.
- E. Hebrews 10:8 – Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;
- F. 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.
- G. 10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
- H. 11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:
- I. 12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;
- J. 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

V. Jesus is the Atonement for Our Sins

- A. Hebrews 10:8 – But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- B. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
- C. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.
- D. 11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

VI. The Power of the Blood of Jesus

- A. Romans 5:9 – Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
- B. Ephesians 1:7 – In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;
- C. Colossians 1:14 – In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:
- D. 1 Peter 1:2 – Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.
- E. 1 John 1:7 – But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.
- F. Ephesians 2:13 – But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
- G. Colossians 1:20 – And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things

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in heaven.

VII. Believers are Sealed with the Holy Ghost

- A. Luke 11:13 – If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?
- B. Ephesians 1:13 – In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,
- C. Ephesians 4:30 – And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
- D. 1 Thessalonians 4:8 – He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.
- E. 2 Corinthians 1:21 – Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;
- F. 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

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Lesson 9: The Difference Between Holiness, Sanctification, and Righteousness

I. Holiness Compared to Sanctification

- A. Being holy means being set apart for God. It can be used for objects (a holy altar), a time (a holy day), or persons (a holy priest). All believers are set apart for God and are made holy. Believers are sealed with the Holy Ghost.
- B. God is holy, and we are to be like him.
- C. Being holy is separated from sin and commonness.
- D. We work on being holy – 1 Peter 1:14-16
- E. Holiness is a result of how pure a life we live for God.

II. Holiness Compared to Sanctification

- A. Jesus is our Sanctification
- B. 1 Corinthians 1:30 – But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:
- C. Being sanctified
- D. This is the process of being set apart for God. We are made holy through sanctification.
- E. As we are conformed to the image of Christ we are being sanctified more and more.
- F. 1 Corinthians 6:11 – And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.
- G. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 – And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

III. Holiness Compared to Righteousness

- A. Being righteous is being acceptable to God, meeting God's standard.
- B. Being righteous is dependent on faith.
- C. Believers are righteous. Unbelievers are unrighteous.
- D. Righteousness describes our relationship with God – whether we are right with God or not.
- E. We must have forgiveness of our sin to be right with God.
- F. Our righteousness is by Faith in Christ.
- G. Jesus is our Righteousness.
- H. 1 Corinthians 1:30 – But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:
- I. 2 Corinthians 5:21 – For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.
- J. Romans 10:1 – Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.
- K. 2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.
- L. 3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.
- M. 4 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

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- N. 5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them.
- O. 6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)
- P. 7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)
- Q. 8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;
- R. 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
- S. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.
- T. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.
- U. 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.
- V. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.
- W. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?
- X. 15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!
- Y. 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?
- Z. 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

IV. Put on the New Man

- A. Ephesians 4:20 – But ye have not so learned Christ;
- B. 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:
- C. 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;
- D. 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
- E. 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

V. More in Respect to Righteousness

- A. Matthew 5:6 – Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
- B. 10 Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- C. 20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- D. Matthew 6:33 – But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- E. Acts 17:31 – Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

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VI. Summary

- A. To distinguish between being righteous and being holy and being sanctified is to say that we are righteous through faith, and we are becoming holy through the sanctification process
- B. We are declared righteous because Christ died for our sins. This is God's work for us. Sanctification is God's work in us.

VII. A Review of Justification

- A. Means forgiven
- B. Means declared righteous by God

VIII. Justified by Faith in Jesus

- A. Acts 13:39 – And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.
- B. Galatians 3:8 – And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.
- C. 11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.
- D. 24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

IX. No Justification by the Law

- A. Romans 3:20 – Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
- B. 21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;
- C. 22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:
- D. 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;
- E. 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
- F. 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;
- G. 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.
- H. 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.
- I. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.
- J. 29 Is he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:
- K. 30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

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X. No Justification by Works

- A. Romans 4:2 – For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God.
- B. 5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.
- C. 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

XI. Being Justified by Faith We have Peace with God

- A. Romans 5:1 –Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
- B. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.
- C. 16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification.
- D. 18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.
- E. Romans 8:30 – Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.
- F. 33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

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Lesson 10: Presenting Your Body a Living Sacrifice

I. God Requires Our Bodies to be Presented a Holy Living Sacrifice

- A. Romans 12:1 – I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice,
- B. holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
- C. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
- D. 3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

II. Jesus' Standard of Followers

- A. Deny Self
- B. Take up cross – DAILY (this shows a living sacrifice)
- C. Follow Jesus
- D. Luke 9:23 – And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.
- E. 24 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.
- F. 25 For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

III. Jesus' Requirements for a Disciple

- A. Leave Family Influence
- B. Leave own desires
- C. Forsake all you have (v. 33)
- D. Bear one's own cross
- E. Come after Jesus
- F. Luke 14:25 – And there went great multitudes with him: and he turned, and said unto them,
- G. 26 If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.
- H. 27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

IV. Disciples Are to Count the Cost

- A. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?
- B. 29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,
- C. 30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

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- D. 31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?
- E. 32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.
- F. 33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

V. Disciples are Likened to Salt

- A. 34 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?
- B. 35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.
- C. Matthew 5:13 – Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
- D. Mark 9:49 – For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt.
- E. 50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.
- F. Colossians 4:6 – Let your speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

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Lesson 11: Being Sanctified Wholly

I. The Path to Sanctification

- A. 1 Thessalonians 5:14 – Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.
- B. 15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.
- C. 16 Rejoice evermore.
- D. 17 Pray without ceasing.
- E. 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
- F. 19 Quench not the Spirit.
- G. 20 Despise not prophesyings.
- H. 21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
- I. 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.
- J. 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

II. Faithful is He that Calleth You

- A. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.
- B. God called us to holiness – 1 Thessalonians 4:7
- C. God is faithful.
- D. 1 Corinthians 1:9 – God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
- E. 1 Corinthians 10:13 – There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.
- F. God will do it.
- G. Philippians 2:13 – For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

III. The Whole Spirit is to be Sanctified

- A. John 4:23 – But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
- B. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
- C. Hebrews 4:12 – For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- D. Romans 1:9 – For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;
- E. Romans 7:6 – But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.
- F. Romans 12:11 – Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

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- G. 1 Corinthians 2:15 – But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.
- H. 1 Corinthians 3:1 – And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.
- I. 1 Corinthians 5:5 – To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.
- J. James 4:5 – Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

IV. The Whole Soul is to be Sanctified

- A. Mark 12:30 – And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.
- B. 33 And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.
- C. Matthew 10:28 – And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.
- D. Matthew 11:29 – Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
- E. Matthew 16:26 – For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?
- F. Matthew 22:37 – Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
- G. Hebrews 6:19 – Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;
- H. 1 Peter 1:9 – Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.
- I. 22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:
- J. 3 John 1:2 – Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

V. The Whole Body to be Sanctified

- A. 1 Corinthians 6:20 – For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.
- B. Galatians 5:16 – This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.
- C. 1 Thessalonians 4:1 – Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.
- D. 2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.
- E. 3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:
- F. 4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;
- G. 5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

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- H. 6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.
- I. 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

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Lesson 12: Lifting Up Holy Hands

I. Men Should Pray Everywhere

- A. 1 Timothy 2:8 – I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.
- B. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 – Pray without ceasing.
- C. Philippians 4:6 – Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.
- D. Romans 12:12 – Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

II. Lifting Up Holy Hands

- A. Some think it a posture for prayer.
- B. Some think it is a gesture of victory.
- C. Some think this is a gesture of blessing God.
- D. Some think this is a gesture of love.
- E. Some think it is a gesture of surrender.
- F. Some think it is a gesture of desire.
- G. Some think it is a gesture of worship.
- H. Some think this is honoring God with your entire being.
- I. The Old Testament is filled with allusions to clean hands as symbolic of godly actions and a pure heart (Psalm 26:6; Isaiah 1:15); thus, we are to be about the business of good works with a pure heart if we would have the Lord hear our prayers.
- J. Holy hands can symbolically mean holy works from a holy heart. This is not necessarily a commandment to physically lift hands.
- K. Lifting up your hands, opening up your heart and mouth and acknowledging God's goodness.
- L. See Point V.

III. Without Wrath

- A. Ephesians 4:26 – Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:
- B. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:
- C. James 1:19 – Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:
- D. 20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.
- E. Colossians 3:8 – But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
- F. Galatians 5:19 – Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,
- G. 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,
- H. 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

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IV. Without Doubting

- A. Matthew 21:21 – Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.
- B. Luke 12:29 – And seek not ye what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind.
- C. Romans 14:1 – Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations.
- D. 23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

V. Other Passages to Help Understand – 12 Cases

- A. **RIGHTEOUSNESS.** Psalm 18:20 – The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.
- B. 21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God.
- C. 22 For all his judgments were before me, and I did not put away his statutes from me.
- D. 23 I was also upright before him, and I kept myself from mine iniquity.
- E. 24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
- F. **SINCERE PRAYER.** Psalm 28:1 – Unto thee will I cry, O LORD my rock; be not silent to me: lest, if thou be silent to me, I become like them that go down into the pit.
- G. 2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle.
- H. **PRAISING GOD.** Psalm 63:3 – Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.
- I. 4 Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.
- J. **HUMILITY.** Psalm 88:9 – Mine eye mourneth by reason of affliction: LORD, I have called daily upon thee, I have stretched out my hands unto thee.
- K. **LOVE FOR COMMANDMENTS.** Psalm 119:48 – My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes.
- L. **BLESSING GOD.** Psalm 134:2 – Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the LORD. Psalm 141:1-2
- M. **NEED.** Psalm 143:6 – I stretch forth my hands unto thee: my soul thirsteth after thee, as a thirsty land. Selah.
- N. **PUBLIC PRAYER TO GOD.** 2 Chronicles 6:12 – And he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands:
- O. 13 For Solomon had made a brasen scaffold, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven,
- P. 14 And said, O LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and shewest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:
- Q. 15 Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised

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him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

- R. **GRIEF.** Ezra 9:5 – And at the evening sacrifice I arose up from my heaviness; and having rent my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God.
- S. **WORSHIP.** Nehemiah 8:6 – And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.
- T. **REPENTANCE.** Lamentations 3:39 – Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?
- U. 40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.
- V. 41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.
- W. 42 We have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned.
- X. **FOCUS.** James 4:8 – Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

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Lesson 13: Greeting One Another With a Holy Kiss

I. Passages Commanding a Holy Kiss

- A. Romans 16:16 – Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.
- B. 1 Corinthians 16:20 – All the brethren greet you. Greet ye one another with an holy kiss.
- C. 2 Corinthians 13:12 – Greet one another with an holy kiss.
- D. 1 Thessalonians 5:26 – Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.
- E. 1 Peter 5:14 – Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

II. Definition of a Holy Kiss

- A. This kiss of charity goes back to the Old Testament
- B. Genesis 33:4 – And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell on his neck, and kissed him: and they wept.
- C. Genesis 45:15 – Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.
- D. Genesis 50:1 – And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him.
- E. This is a token that all offences are forgotten and forgiven, and that there is nothing but peace and goodwill between them.
- F. The kiss refers to a single act. When the letter had been read in their hearing, they were, in sign of perfect unity and mutual forgiveness, to give one another the kiss of peace.
- G. Paul and Peter are basically saying that when the brethren meet together, that before they start their business, they should greet one another with an embrace and a kiss signifying they are brethren and there is love, forgiveness, and unity among them.
- H. This is *not* a sensual kiss (Song of Solomon 1:2).
- I. This is not a carnal kiss of a man to a woman.

III. How to Practice the Holy Kiss

- A. This is a kiss on the cheek.
- B. This is a genuine holy kiss.
- C. This kiss not to be done deceitfully.
- D. Practiced men to men and women to women – 1 Corinthians 7:1.
- E. Practiced with unfeigned love in one's heart.
- F. Practiced as a single act. It was not intended to be done every time people met.
- G. Practiced when brethren have not seen each other for a while, so it was done once as a kiss of peace.
- H. Usually this kiss follows an embrace. An embrace follows meeting a brother after a time of not being with one another.
- I. Not done in manipulation, hypocrisy, or pretense.

IV. Mary's Kiss of Worship

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- A. Luke 7:38 – And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.
- B. This kiss showed her love for Jesus.
- C. Psalm 2:12 – Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

V. **The Father's Kiss for his Prodigal Son**

- A. Luke 15:20 – And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.
- B. This was a kiss of love.
- C. This was a kiss motivated by compassion.

VI. **Fellow Servants Kissed Paul**

- A. Acts 20:37 – And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's neck, and kissed him,
- B. 38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.
- C. This is a farewell kiss.

VII. **Judas' Kiss is a Kiss of Betrayal**

- A. Matthew 26:49
- B. A Kiss that is not sincere.
- C. A kiss with underlying evil motives.
- D. Betrayal was in Judas' heart.
- E. Luke 22:48 – But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?
- F. Proverbs 27:6 – Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

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Lesson 14: Yielding Your Members as Servants to Righteousness unto Holiness

I. Members of Our Body were Servants to Sin

- A. Romans 7:5 – For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.
- B. 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.
- C. James 4:1 – From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?

II. Members of Our Body are to Serve Righteousness

- A. Romans 6:1 – What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
- B. 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?
- C. 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
- D. 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
- E. 5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:
- F. 6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
- G. 7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.
- H. 8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:
- I. 9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.
- J. 10 For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
- K. 11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- L. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.
- M. 13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.
- N. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.
- O. 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.
- P. 16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?
- Q. 17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.
- R. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.
- S. 19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: 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.
- T. 20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

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- U. 21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.
- V. 22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.
- W. 23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

III. We are to Lay Aside the Sin

- A. Hebrews 12:1 – Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,
- B. 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- C. 3 For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.
- D. 4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.
- E. 5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:
- F. 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.
- G. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?
- H. 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.
- I. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?
- J. 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.
- K. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.
- L. 12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;
- M. 13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.
- N. 14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:
- O. 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;
- P. 16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

IV. Better to Cut Off the Offending Member (Hyperbole)

- A. Matthew 5:29 – And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.
- B. 30 And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for

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thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

V. Members of Christ's Church are Members of His Body

- A. Romans 12:4 – For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:
- B. 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
- C. 1 Corinthians 6:15 – Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ? shall I then take the members of Christ, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid.
- D. Ephesians 5:30 – For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.
- E. Colossians 3:5 – Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

VI. Control the Tongue and Control the Body

- A. James 3:1 – My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation.
- B. 2 For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.
- C. 3 Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body.
- D. 4 Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listeth.
- E. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!
- F. 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell.
- G. 7 For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind:
- H. 8 But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.
- I. 9 Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.
- J. 10 Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.

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Lesson 15: The Chastisement of God Causes Us to Follow Holiness

I. The Chastisement of the Lord Brings Holiness and Righteousness

- A. Hebrews 12:5 – And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:
- B. 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.
- C. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?
- D. 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.
- E. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?
- F. 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.
- G. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

II. The Right Response to Chastisement

- A. 12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;
- B. 13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.
- C. 14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:
- D. 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;
- E. 16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

III. Follow Peace with All Men, and Holiness, Without Which No Man Shall See the Lord

- A. Matthew 5:9 – Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.
- B. John 14:27 – Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
- C. John 16:33 – These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.
- D. Romans 8:6 – For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
- E. Romans 12:18 – If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.
- F. Romans 14:17 – For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
- G. 19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

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- H. James 3:17 – But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
- I. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.
- J. 1 Peter 3:11 – Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

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Lesson 16: A Bishop Must be Holy

I. Jesus is the Bishop of our Souls

- A. 1 Peter 2:25 – For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

II. The Qualifications for a Bishop Found in Titus

- A. Titus 1:7 – For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;
- B. 8 But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate;
- C. 9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

III. The Calling of God is a Holy Calling

- A. 2 Timothy 1:8 – Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;
- B. 9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

IV. Bishops to be Examples of Purity

- A. 1 Timothy 4:12 – Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

V. Some Other Things of God that are Holy

- A. 1 John 5:7 – For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.
- B. Revelation 14:10 – The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb:
- C. Revelation 18:20 – Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.
- D. Revelation 22:6 – And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.
- E. Revelation 21:2 – And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

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- F. 10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,
- G. Hebrews 3:1 – Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;
- H. 1 Peter 3:5 – For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:
- I. 2 Peter 1:18 – And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount.
- J. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.
- K. 2 Peter 2:21 – For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.
- L. 1 Peter 2:5 – Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.
- M. 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:
- N. Hebrews 9:25 – Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;
- O. 2 Timothy 3:15 – And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
- P. 1 Thessalonians 5:26 – Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.
- Q. 27 I charge you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the holy brethren.
- R. 1 Timothy 2:8 – I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.
- S. 2 Timothy 1:9 – Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,
- T. Ephesians 2:21 – In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

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Lesson 17: A Church Must be Holy

I. The Relationship of a Church to Jesus is as a Wife to her Husband

- A. A church is to submit to Christ
- B. A church is to be subject to Christ
- C. Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.
- D. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.
- E. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

II. The Loves the Church and Sanctifies the Church by the Word of God

- A. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
- B. 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

III. Jesus' Purpose is to have the Church be Holy and without Blemish

- A. 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.
- B. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.
- C. 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:
- D. 30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.
- E. 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.
- F. 32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

IV. The Church is to Reverence Her Husband

- A. 33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

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Lesson 18: Aged Women to be Holy

I. Titus was Instructed to Teach Sound Doctrine

- A. Titus 2:3 – The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

II. The Conversation of the Wife is Important

- A. 1 Peter 3:1 – Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;
- B. 2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.
- C. 3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;
- D. 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

III. Holiness is God’s Adornment

- A. 5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:
- B. 6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

IV. Woman Taken in Adultery

- A. John 8:1-11
- B. Woman was taken in the very act – v. 4
- C. Jesus does not condemn – v. 11
- D. Tells her, “Go, and sin no more” – v.11
- E. John 3;17 – For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.
- F. 18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
- G. 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

V. Mary

- A. This Mary was Martha and Lazarus’ sister.
- B. She was a harlot.
- C. Luke 7:36 – And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he went into the Pharisee’s house, and sat down to meat.

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- D. 37 And, behold, a woman in the city, which was a sinner, when she knew that Jesus sat at meat in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment,
- E. 38 And stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash his feet with tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment.
- F. 39 Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him: for she is a sinner.
- G. 40 And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Master, say on.
- H. 41 There was a certain creditor which had two debtors: the one owed five hundred pence, and the other fifty.
- I. 42 And when they had nothing to pay, he frankly forgave them both. Tell me therefore, which of them will love him most?
- J. 43 Simon answered and said, I suppose that he, to whom he forgave most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged.
- K. 44 And he turned to the woman, and said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath washed my feet with tears, and wiped them with the hairs of her head.
- L. 45 Thou gavest me no kiss: but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet.
- M. 46 My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but this woman hath anointed my feet with ointment.
- N. 47 Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loveth little.
- O. 48 And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.
- P. 49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say within themselves, Who is this that forgiveth sins also?
- Q. 50 And he said to the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

VI. Mary Magdalene

- A. Had seven devils
- B. Luke 8:1 – And it came to pass afterward, that he went throughout every city and village, preaching and shewing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God: and the twelve were with him,
- C. 2 And certain women, which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils,
- D. 3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto him of their substance.
- E. John 20:18 – Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her.

VII. The Samaritan Woman

- A. John 4:4-43

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- B. 15 The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw.
- C. 16 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither.
- D. 17 The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband:
- E. 18 For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly.
- F. 19 The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.
- G. 39 And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did.

VIII. Observations from John 4

- A. Spiritual vs. Carnal water – v. 10-15
- B. Spiritual vs. Carnal Worship – v. 20-24
- C. Spiritual vs. Carnal Meat – v. 30-34
- D. Spiritual vs. Carnal Vision – v. 35-38
- E. Spiritual vs. Carnal Man – v. 19, 25-26, 41-42

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Lesson 19: Young Women to be Holy

I. Instructions from 1 Timothy 2

- A. 1 Timothy 2:8 – I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.
- B. 9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;
- C. 10 But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.
- D. 11 Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.
- E. 12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.
- F. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.
- G. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.
- H. 15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

II. Instructions from 1 Timothy 5

- A. 1 Timothy 5:1 – Rebuke not an elder, but intreat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren;
- B. 2 The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity.
- C. 3 Honour widows that are widows indeed.
- D. 4 But if any widow have children or nephews, let them learn first to shew piety at home, and to requite their parents: for that is good and acceptable before God.
- E. 5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day.
- F. 6 But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.
- G. 7 And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless.
- H. 8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.
- I. 9 Let not a widow be taken into the number under threescore years old, having been the wife of one man,
- J. 10 Well reported of for good works; if she have brought up children, if she have lodged strangers, if she have washed the saints' feet, if she have relieved the afflicted, if she have diligently followed every good work.
- K. 11 But the younger widows refuse: for when they have begun to wax wanton against Christ, they will marry;
- L. 12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.
- M. 13 And withal they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not.
- N. 14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.
- O. 15 For some are already turned aside after Satan.

III. Instruction from Titus

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- A. Titus 2:1 – But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:
- B. 2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.
- C. 3 The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;
- D. 4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,
- E. 5 To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.

IV. Younger Women and Widows to Marry

- A. 1 Timothy 5:14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.
- B. 1 Corinthians 7:8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I.
- C. 9 But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.

V. Unmarried Better if Unmarried

- A. 1 Corinthians 7:8 I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I.
- B. 28 But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Nevertheless such shall have trouble in the flesh: but I spare you.
- C. 29 But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none;
- D. 30 And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not;
- E. 31 And they that use this world, as not abusing it: for the fashion of this world passeth away.
- F. 32 But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:
- G. 33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.
- H. 34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.
- I. 35 And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.
- J. 36 But if any man think that he behaveth himself uncomely toward his virgin, if she pass the flower of her age, and need so require, let him do what he will, he sinneth not: let them marry.
- K. 37 Nevertheless he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power over his own will, and hath so decreed in his heart that he will keep his virgin, doeth well.
- L. 38 So then he that giveth her in marriage doeth well; but he that giveth her not in marriage doeth better.

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VI. Married Women to Stay Married

- A. 1 Corinthians 7: 10 And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:
- B. 11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.
- C. 12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.
- D. 13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.
- E. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.
- F. 15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.
- G. 16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?
- H. 39 The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord.
- I. 40 But she is happier if she so abide, after my judgment: and I think also that I have the Spirit of God.

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Lesson 20: Do Not Defile the Holy Temple of God

I. Jesus' Body is a Holy Temple

- A. Matthew 12:5 – Or have ye not read in the law, how that on the sabbath days the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are blameless?
- B. 6 But I say unto you, That in this place is one greater than the temple.
- C. Mark 14:58 – We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build another made without hands.
- D. John 2:18 – Then answered the Jews and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?
- E. 19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.
- F. 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days?
- G. 21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

II. Herod's Temple in Jesus' Day was to be Holy

- A. Mark 11:15 – And they come to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;
- B. 16 And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.
- C. 17 And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? but ye have made it a den of thieves.
- D. 18 And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people was astonished at his doctrine.
- E. John 2:13 – And the Jews' passover was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem,
- F. 14 And found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting:
- G. 15 And when he had made a scourge of small cords, he drove them all out of the temple, and the sheep, and the oxen; and poured out the changers' money, and overthrew the tables;
- H. 16 And said unto them that sold doves, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house an house of merchandise.
- I. 17 And his disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up.

III. Herod's Temple was a Place for Teaching God's Word

- A. Matthew 26:55 – In that same hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a thief with swords and staves for to take me? I sat daily with you teaching in the temple, and ye laid no hold on me.
- B. Mark 14:49 – I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but the scriptures must be fulfilled.
- C. John 7:14 – Now about the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught.

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IV. Herod's Temple was a Place for Christians to Meet

- A. Luke 24:53 – And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.
- B. Acts 2:46 – And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,
- C. Acts 3:1 – Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.

V. God Does Not Dwell in Earthly Buildings

- A. Acts 7:48 – Howbeit the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands; as saith the prophet,
- B. John 4:19 – The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet.
- C. 20 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship.
- D. 21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father.
- E. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews.
- F. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.
- G. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.
- H. 25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messias cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things.
- I. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

VI. Jesus wants His Church to be a Holy Temple

- A. Ephesians 5:25 – Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
- B. 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
- C. 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.
- D. 1 Corinthians 3:16 – Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?
- E. 17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.
- F. Ephesians 2:12 – That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:
- G. 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
- H. 14 For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;
- I. 15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;
- J. 16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the

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enmity thereby:

- K. 17 And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.
- L. 18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.
- M. 19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;
- N. 20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;
- O. 21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:
- P. 22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.
- Q. 1 Timothy 3:15 – But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.
- R. 1 Peter 4:17 – For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?
- S. Hebrews 10:21 – And having an high priest over the house of God;

VII. Jesus wants Believers to be a Holy Temple

- A. 1 Corinthians 6:19 – What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?
- B. 2 Corinthians 6:14 – Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
- C. 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?
- D. 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- E. 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,
- F. 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

VIII. God Dwells in Holy Temples

- A. 2 Corinthians 6:16 – And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
- B. 1 Corinthians 8:10 – For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;

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Lesson 21: Having Holy Children

I. The Unbelieving Spouse is Sanctified by the Believing Spouse

- A. 1 Corinthians 7:10 – And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:
- B. 11 But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife.
- C. 12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.
- D. 13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.
- E. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.
- F. 15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.
- G. 16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?
- H. 17 But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches.

II. Only One Parent has to be Saved to have Holy Children

- A. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.
- B. There is a witness of Christ in the family.
- C. There is the teaching of the word of God in the family.
- D. God would prefer both parents saved – 1 Corinthians 7:39

III. Jesus Receives the Little Children

- A. Matthew 19:13 – Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them.
- B. 14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.
- C. 15 And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.

IV. Jesus Teaches Us to Receive Children

- A. Mark 9:35 – And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.
- B. 36 And he took a child, and set him in the midst of them: and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them,
- C. 37 Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

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V. Jesus Uses a Child to Teach Humility and Faith

- A. Matthew 18:10 – 1 At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?
- B. 2 And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them,
- C. 3 And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.
- D. 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
- E. 5 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me.

VI. Jesus Warns Against Offending Children

- A. 6 But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.
- B. 7 Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!
- C. 8 Wherefore if thy hand or thy foot offend thee, cut them off, and cast them from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire.
- D. 9 And if thine eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is better for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into hell fire.
- E. 10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

VII. Parents to Seek the Welfare of their Children

- A. 2 Corinthians 12:14 – Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

VIII. Children to be Taught the Right Things of God

- A. Ephesians 4:14 – That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- B. 3 John 1:4 – I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth.
- C. Proverbs 22:6 – Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

IX. Children to Learn Obedience

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- A. Ephesians 6:1 – Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.
- B. Colossians 3:20 – Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.

X. Fathers to Be Mindful of the Child's Spirit

- A. Ephesians 6:4 – And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
- B. Colossians 3:21 – Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.
- C. 1 Timothy 3:4 – One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;
- D. 12 Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.
- E. Titus 1:6 – If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly.

XI. God Desires a Godly Seed

- A. Malachi 2:13 – And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand.
- B. 14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant.
- C. 15 And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.
- D. 16 For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for one covereth violence with his garment, saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

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Lesson 22: Jesus Works to Present His Churches Holy and Unblameable and Unreprovable in His Sight.

I. Jesus Works Using the Blood of his Cross

- A. Colossians 1:18 – And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.
- B. 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;
- C. 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.
- D. 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled
- E. 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in his sight:

II. God Works in Us to Do of His Good Pleasure

- A. Philippians 2:13 – For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.
- B. 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings:
- C. 15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;
- D. 16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

III. Jesus Washes by the Word

- A. Ephesians 5:25 – Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
- B. 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
- C. 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.

IV. Jesus Works Uses the Promise of His Coming

- A. 2 Peter 3:8 – But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
- B. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.
- C. 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.
- D. 11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

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- E. 12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?
- F. 13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.
- G. 14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.
- H. 1 John 3:1 – Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.
- I. 2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.
- J. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

V. Preaching the Word Prepares the Church for the Judgment

- A. 2 Timothy 4:1 – I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;
- B. 2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
- C. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
- D. 4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.
- E. Ephesians 4:11 – And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- F. 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
- G. 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
- H. 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- I. 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
- J. 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

VI. The Lord Uses Love to Stablish Our Hearts Rightly

- A. 1 Thessalonians 3:11 – Now God himself and our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way unto you.
- B. 12 And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you:
- C. 13 To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

VII. The Lord Supplies Godly Ensamples to Follow

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- A. 1 Thessalonians 2:9 – For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.
- B. 10 Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:
- C. 11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father doth his children,
- D. 12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.
- E. 13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

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Lesson 23: Practical Ways a Believer Can Live a Holy Life

I. Control Your Programming

- A. What you hear.
- B. What you read.
- C. What you take to be true.
- D. What you prioritize in life.

II. Control Your Thoughts

- A. Philippians 4:8 – Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true,
- B. whatsoever things are honest,
- C. whatsoever things are just,
- D. whatsoever things are pure,
- E. whatsoever things are lovely,
- F. whatsoever things are of good report;
- G. if there be any virtue,
- H. and if there be any praise,
- I. think on these things.
- J. Romans 12:16 – Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.
- K. Proverbs 23:7 – For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

III. Control Your Actions

- A. 1 Corinthians 9:27 – But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.
- B. 1 Corinthians 14:32 – And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

IV. Control Your Speech

- A. Ephesians 5:18 – And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;
- B. 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;
- C. 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;
- D. 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

V. Control Your Associations

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- A. 1 Timothy 6:3 – If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;
- B. 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,
- C. 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.
- D. Ephesians 5:11 – And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.
- E. 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.
- F. 13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

VI. Walk Circumspectly

- A. Ephesians 5:15 – See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
- B. 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
- C. Ephesians 4:27 – Neither give place to the devil.

VII. Love Not the World

- A. 1 John 2:15 – Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- B. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.
- C. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

VIII. Resist Temptation

- A. James 4:7 – Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- B. James 1:12 – Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.
- C. 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:
- D. 14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.
- E. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.
- F. 16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.
- G. 17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.
- H. 18 Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.
- I. 19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:
- J. 20 For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

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- K. 21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.
- L. 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
- M. 2 Timothy 2:22 – Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

IX. Follow the Right Things

- A. 1 Timothy 6:11 – But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness,
- B. godliness,
- C. faith,
- D. love,
- E. patience,
- F. meekness.

X. If You Do the Above, Most of the Results Take Care of Themselves

- A. 90% of issues are self-inflicted and within one's control – Galatians 6:7-8.
- B. 5% are happenstance.
- C. 3% are enemies causing grief.
- D. Ecclesiastes 9:11 – I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all.
- E. 2% are the devil's angels calling grief.
- F. 1 Peter 5:8 – Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

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Lesson 24: Things that Can be Considered Unholy?

I. There is Unholiness of Thoughts

- A. Matthew 5:27 – Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery:
- B. 28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.
- C. 2 Timothy 3:8 – Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.
- D. 2 Peter 1:4 – Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

II. There is Unholiness of Words

- A. Ephesians 4:29 – Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.
- B. 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.
- C. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:
- D. 32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

III. There is Unholiness of Actions

- A. 1 Corinthians 3:17 – If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.
- B. Luke 6:43 – For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.
- C. 44 For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.
- D. 45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

IV. There is Unholiness of Communications

- A. Matthew 15:16 – And Jesus said, Are ye also yet without understanding?
- B. 17 Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught?
- C. 18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.
- D. 19 For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

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- E. 20 These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.
 - F. 1 Corinthians 15:33 – Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.
- V. There is the Appearance of Unholiness**
- A. 1 Thessalonians 5:22 – Abstain from all appearance of evil.
 - B. Romans 14:14 – I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.
- VI. Some Lost Men are Unholy**
- A. 1 Timothy 1:9 – Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,
 - B. 2 Timothy 3:2 – For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,
 - C. 2 Peter 2:10 – But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.
- VII. Some Things are Unclean**
- A. Matthew 12:43 – When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.
 - B. Matthew 23:27 – Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men’s bones, and of all uncleanness.
 - C. Romans 1:24 – Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:
 - D. 2 Corinthians 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,
- VIII. Paul’s Admonition**
- A. Ephesians 5:1 – Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;
 - B. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.
 - C. 3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;
 - D. 4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.
 - E. 5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

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- F. 6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

IX. The Works of the Flesh are Unholy

- A. Colossians 3:5 – Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:
- B. 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:
- C. 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.
- D. 8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.
- E. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;
- F. 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:
- G. 11 Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all.
- H. Romans 1:24 – Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:
- I. 25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.