

Pursuit of Holiness – Part 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. We are to be holy because God, the source of joy, is holy. (1 Peter 1:15-16; John 10)
- B. God is a spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.

II. In Scripture God magnifies his holiness. (Revelation 4; Isaiah 6; 1 John 1:5)

- A. Holiness is conformity to the moral character of God.
- B. Our purpose is to be holy before God. (Ephesians 1:4)
- C. The world's morality is getting worse all the time and the Christian's holiness is often one step behind.

III. Implications of our call to be holy like God.

- A. We must take all sin seriously, even little sins. God hates sin. (Habakkuk 1:13; Zechariah 8:17; Proverbs 6:16-19; Ephesians 4:30; 1 John 2:1-2)
- B. We cannot pursue holiness in our own self-effort. Holiness must be a work of God. (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- C. God has given us certain responsibilities: we must put to death the deeds of the body. (Romans 8:13; Philippians 2:12-13)

Application questions:

1. How does the world's morality impact the Christian's?

2. How can we distinguish man's responsibilities from self-effort?

3. What is your action plan for holiness this week?
