

**Why
Live
Holy?**



Isaiah 6:1-3

In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the LORD sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

² Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

³ And one cried unto another, and said,

Holy, holy, holy,

is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

*What does
Holy mean?*

sacred, pure, morally
blameless

What Holiness is not:

- 1.They taught about God, but did not love God –
- 2.They preached God, but converted people to dead religion.
- 3.They taught that an oath sworn by the temple or altar was not binding, but that if sworn by the gold ornamentation of the temple, or by a sacrificial gift on the altar, it was binding. The gold and gifts, however, were not sacred in themselves as the temple and altar were, but derived a measure of lesser sacredness by being connected to the temple or altar. The teachers and Pharisees worshiped at the temple and offered sacrifices at the altar because they knew that the temple and altar were sacred. How then could they deny oath-binding value to what was truly sacred and accord it to objects of trivial and derived sacredness?

What Holiness is not:

4. They taught the law, but did not practice some of the most important parts of the law – justice, mercy, faithfulness to God. They obeyed the details of the law such as tithing spices, but not the weightier matters of the law.

5. They presented an appearance of being 'clean' (self-restrained, not involved in carnal matters), but they were dirty inside: they seethed with hidden worldly desires, carnality. They were full of *greed and self-indulgence*.

6. They exhibited themselves as righteous on account of being scrupulous keepers of the law but were, in fact, not righteous: their mask of righteousness hid a secret inner world of ungodly thoughts and feelings. They were full of wickedness. They were *like whitewashed tombs, beautiful on the outside, but full of dead men's bones*.

7. They professed a high regard for the dead prophets of old and claimed that they would never have persecuted and murdered prophets when, in fact, they were cut from the same cloth as the persecutors and murderers: they too had murderous blood in their veins.

Because God's kingdom is HOLY

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

⁹ Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

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.

Matthew 4:17

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Revelation 21:27

And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.



Because God is Holy

1 Peter 1:15-16

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

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



Because
God walks
among us

Deuteronomy 23:14

For the LORD thy God
walketh in the midst of
thy camp, to deliver thee,
and to give up thine
enemies before thee;
therefore shall thy camp
be holy: that He see no
unclean thing in thee,
and turn away from thee.

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