

What Holy Really Means

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Proverbs 29:18a, KJV – Where there is no vision, the people perish.

John 17:3, NLT – [Jesus said,] “And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.”

Main Passage: 1 Corinthians 1:1-2, NIV – Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours.

Six Realities of God’s Holiness

1. _____

Exodus 15:11, NIV – Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

Psalms 86:8, NIV – Among the gods there is none like you, Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

Holy means...

2. **Holiness is** _____

Psalms 93:5, GW – Your written testimonies are completely reliable. O Lord, holiness is what makes your house beautiful for days without end.

Isaiah 6:3, NIV – And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

3. **Holiness is** _____

Ezekiel 38:23, NIV – And so I will show my greatness and my holiness, and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD.

4. _____

1 Thessalonians 4:7, NCV – God called us to be holy and does not want us to live in sin.

1 Peter 1:15-16, NIV – But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

Romans 8:29a, LB – For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him... should become like his Son.

Romans 1:6, NCV – And you who are in Rome are also called to belong to Jesus Christ.

Ekklesia means...

Hebrews 12:14, NIV – Make every effort...to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

5. Holiness is _____

John 17:16-17, NIV – [Jesus said,] “They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.”

Sanctify means...

Genesis 1:27, NIV – So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Sanctify literally means...

1 Peter 1:2, NLT – God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more grace and peace.

6. Holiness is _____

Isaiah 64:6, LB – We are all infected and impure with sin. When we put on our prized robes of righteousness, we find they are but filthy rags. Like autumn leaves we fade, wither, and fall. And our sins, like the wind, sweep us away.

2 Thessalonians 2:13, NLT – As for us, we can’t help but thank God for you, dear brothers and sisters loved by the Lord. We are always thankful that God chose you to be among the first to experience salvation—a salvation that came through the Spirit who makes you holy and through your belief in the truth.

Romans 6:22, NLT – But now you are free from the power of sin... Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life.

What is the first thing God wants from me every day?