

For Our Information

Joyce Venable is still dealing with fluid buildup periodically.

Bill Venable is doing better.

Vickie McNeas is still dealing with coughing

John LaValla is still on oxygen but is doing better.

Clifton Hurst is better after dealing with stomach issues last week.

Remember one another as we pray
to the Father each day

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We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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the one that is holy (has no sin, pure) was to execute justice on the sinner. She had no reason to expect compassion, kindness or help from Jesus. After all the sinners leave, we see how the tenderness of holiness changes the helpless sinner into one that is holy. *Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more" John 8:10-11.* The self-righteous Scribes and Pharisees rejected holiness by leaving instead of staying and learning from Him. This incident in the life of Jesus is about holiness: it may not be very obvious, but it is a very powerful lesson to us concerning the holiness of God.

See the beauty of holiness and know with confidence that you as a Christian are holy. Not because your able to live a perfect life, but because God graciously makes you holy. Follow the two greatest commands, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself"* **Matthew 22:37-39**, and you will always be victorious in achieving holiness. Never forget the price paid for our holiness because it was through the brutal execution of Jesus Christ. Now can you see the beauty of holiness?

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See The Beauty Of Holiness

Ron Herring

I've had a personal struggle with comprehending holiness. I just could not see myself as holy much less see the actual beauty of holiness. I began to feel that holiness was for "old" Christians, for whom it was easier to live as God expects. I also saw holiness as a harsh standard of living that I could not achieve. Everyone sins and **1John 1:8** say's that *"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us"* and yet Peter says that we must be holy in **1Peter 1:15**. So my conflict was this; I wanted to be holy but I sinned, and by sinning I believed that I would never be holy. I do not claim to have a complete grasp of holiness. I have a greater appreciation of what God has done for me when I study holiness. I hope that now I can help you see the beauty of holiness and accept that you are holy.

Adam and Eve were created holy. By choosing to break God's law and eat of the forbidden fruit they became defiled, unholy.



but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior

1Peter 1:15



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Only God could help man regain holiness. This we can understand, but it's still difficult for most Christians to understand that they are holy and be confident in their holiness. One reason may be due to our lack of studying holiness because we have a fear that we are not holy so why study about something I can never achieve. Let's begin with simply trying to understand what holiness is. Holiness by definition is separated from anything evil. Holiness has only one element, which is pure goodness. One illustration that may help us to comprehend holiness is to consider the difference between a bottle of pure drinking water (using reverse osmosis) versus a bottle of Rio Grande water. God uses the term holy quite frequently to identify himself because He is pure goodness with out any evil. Holiness is also used to identify something that is to be separated for use only in service to God, such as the items in the tabernacle and the people of Israel.

God called Israel to be a nation that was holy (**Exodus 19:5-6**). God was willing to make them holy if they would obey His commandments, which were expressed in Mosaic Law. Mosaic Law was also a way of showing all nations God's holiness through the nation of Israel's example. When they were obedient (holy) they prospered beyond any nation and were invincible in battle against any enemy. When they disobeyed his commandments they suffered. The tabernacle served as an expression of the Holy dwelling place of God. God's prophet Isaiah shares with us a glimpse of the holiness of heaven in **Isaiah 6:1-3** *"... I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!"* Were you able to see the beauty of holiness? Maybe not, but this view is beautiful and overwhelming to us. This was the same feeling Isaiah had, look at his response to this vision in **Isaiah 6:5** *"And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"* This is the response God wants us to have. Isaiah understood he was unworthy of being there because he was not holy. God provided Isaiah a way of becoming holy *"Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for" (vs 6-7)*. Unfortunately we

all clearly see the result of ungodliness, so God shows us the beauty of His holiness so that we will desire the purity of holiness in our life.

Today Jesus is our example of holiness, just as the tabernacle and the Mosaic Law showed man God's holiness. The apostle John wrote *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth"* **John 1:14**. Jesus was not only the word that became human, but also He made know the beauty of holiness to man. We like Israel are called to be holy, *"but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,"* **1Peter 1:15**. When we realize our unworthiness to be in the presence of God because of our sin, then like Isaiah we can/will cry out, *"Wretched is me for I am a sinful man"*.

Today we have Jesus who can make us holy. Paul says how we achieve holiness in **Colossians 1:21-22**, *"And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him"*. Christians achieve holiness through the death of Christ. We maintain holiness by determining to live without sinning. This allows us to have access to the blood of Christ that cleanses us when we sin if we desire to turn away from that sin and confess them to God (**1John 1:6-9**). This is something I can accomplish. Nothing can be any more precious and beautiful to a sinner like myself!

We can see the beauty of holiness in **John 8:1-11**. A woman caught in the very act of adultery. This story is so compelling, and appealing to us. This is why it is the greatest recorded example of holiness interacting with man. There is so much we can learn from this story. Jesus in this story is holiness, the woman is everyone who has ever sinned, and the Scribes and Pharisees represent man's self-righteousness. Can you imagine being dragged out in front of the Messiah? She quickly understood that she was being used to discredit Jesus. She knew that she wasn't the only guilty party involved, yet the only one being judged. She knew that she could never regain any dignity among her people, and must have felt like it would be better to be stoned. The Scribes and Pharisees were seeking a way to accuse Jesus. They used the act of adultery to trap Jesus by forcing him to make a decision. Adultery under Mosaic Law required death, but Roman law would not permit the Jews to execute a death sentence. Any decision was going to place Jesus in violation of Mosaic Law or Roman law. Jesus simple causes everyone to examine themselves and