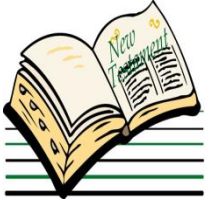


Sermon Notes



Title: "Show the Holiness You Have"

Text: 1 Peter 1:14-16

Theme: Holiness is not primarily about achievement, but living out what God has already made us to be because of our special relationship with Him. Holiness means imitating our loving and gracious God.

I. Holiness Means Not _____ to the Deep-Seated and Accepted Ways of _____ and _____ of Those Who Do Not _____ or Obey God (v. 14)

II. Holiness Means _____ God and Living a Life That Is _____ for Him in _____ of Your Life (v. 15)

III. Holiness Is _____ by _____ God Is Not by What We _____ Is Holy (v. 16)

Next Week Read: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group:

1. What is an expected characteristic of children that Peter assumes is true of Christians (v. 14a)?
2. Before these Christians had come to follow Christ, how does Peter describe their way of life (v. 14b)?
3. What are these Christians not to do with respect to their former lifestyle (v. 14b)?
4. What is the central command of these verses (v. 15b)?
5. What is the basis for the central command (v. 15a)?
6. How comprehensive is this command (v. 15b)?
7. On what authority does Peter base this command (v. 16)?
8. Why are Christians to be holy (v. 16)?
9. Why does Peter describe life outside of Christ as “your former ignorance”?
10. Does being holy mean simply doing the opposite of what an unbeliever does? Explain.
11. How do you determine what ways of thinking and living by the world you should not follow?
12. In what sense is everything that a non-Christian does is sinful?
13. How would you define “holy”?
14. What are some ways that we use the word “holy” that obscure its real meaning?
15. What is the root idea of holiness?
16. What is a key idea that is assumed in the idea of holiness that was exemplified by the ballet illustration in the message?
17. Is holiness limited to a certain area of your life? Why or why not?
18. What book of the Old Testament is particularly focused on holiness?
19. How can God expect us to be holy as He is holy since we are not divine as He is?
20. What are some aspects about God that you can begin to imitate and put into practice in your life right now?