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## Pursuing Holiness Pt.3

Heb.12:14

‘Study to show thyself approved unto God..’ – 2 Timothy 2:15

The importance of reading and learning God’s word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

This truth is one of the purposes why we wish to offer you these sermon notes which are to be used while listening to the sermon.

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Roadmap of where we have been and where we are going:

Enduring Faith Defined (11:1) Exemplified (11:2-40), and finally its application Commanded (12:1-26).

**INTRODUCTION** – Today we continue our understanding of Biblical Holiness & Sanctification.

## **HOW THEN ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER v.14 ?**

**v.14 (a) NC Duty #2 – Pursue Biblical Holiness (Sanctification).**

1. Properly defining biblical holiness.

- (a) It's Vital
- (b) It's Dangerous

2. Mistaken definitions, concepts, and ideas of holiness.

- (a) Theological / Doctrinal
- (b) Practical / Applicatory

3. What is biblical holiness?

- (a) Justification, Adoption, Sanctification *carefully* guarded and defined.
- (b) What can holiness do and not do?
- (c) God's Holiness and Our holiness.

4. What is the source of this Holiness?

- (a) Jesus' blood and Covenant.
- (b) The Trinity's role and involvement.

5. How is holiness lived out?

- (a) Practical or sensational?
- (b) What does 'pursuing' holiness feel and look like?
- (c) Hinderances to pursuing holiness.

**v.14 (b) NON-NEGOTIAL – The necessity of Holiness.**

- (a) Understanding the grammar and syntax of the text.
  1. Does it mean what it appears to be saying?
  2. Errors of wrong interpretation (current and past).
- (b) Why is this so necessary?
- (c) Danger of self-deception.

*Q: What is Holiness/Sanctification? A: Holiness/Sanctification is a work of God's free grace whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.*

Bible presents three senses of a believer's sanctification:

- (1) I am sanctified (justification).
- (2) I am being sanctified (sanctification).
- (3) and I will be sanctified (glorification).

LCF 31:1 "the souls of the righteous are made perfect in holiness, are received into paradise, where they are with Christ, and behold the face of God in light and glory..."

JC RYLE *"He who supposes that Jesus Christ only lived and died and rose again in order to provide justification and forgiveness of sins for His people has yet much to learn. Whether he knows it or not, he is dishonoring our blessed Lord, and making Him only a half Savior."*

## **I. WHAT CAN HOLINESS DO and NOT DO.**

### **1. IT CANNOT:**

- *Justify a man.*

### **2. IT CAN**

- *Add or subtract from our assurance of grace and salvation.*

#### **(a) Wounding of the conscience.**

Ps.51:12 "Restore to me the joy of your salvation and uphold me with a willing spirit."

#### **(b) Vehement temptation.**

Ps.77:7-8 "Will the Lord spurn forever, and never again be favorable? Has his steadfast love forever ceased? Are his promises at an end for all time?"

#### **(c) Withdrawal of the Spirit**

Ps.30:7 "By your favor, O Lord, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed."

- *It can prevent presumption and self-deception in a person.*

## II. GOD'S HOLINESS and OUR HOLINESS

**Gen.1:27** "...God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him..."

- The bible sets forth an understanding that by communion with God, made available only through Messiah, we can once again partake in the holiness that our first parents lost. A holiness which more closely resembles that holiness reflected in the very image of God possessing all its magnificent beauty and loveliness.

Leviticus 11:44-45. "For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground. 45 For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy."

Thomas Brooks "*Of all the many thousands who have traveled to happiness, there is not one to be found, but has traveled there in the way of holiness.*"

1 Pet.1:16 "...he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of life; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy."

Thomas Brooks "*Sanctification is designed by God to make His people holy, that they may be happy; it is to make men gracious on earth, that they may be glorious in heaven.*"