

# THE PROMINENT ASPECTS OF THE GLAD TIDINGS

## Part 2: SANCTIFICATION/HOLINESS

### 2.b. Made Holy to Manifest Holiness

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#### 1. REVIEW:

##### a. Holiness is:

- i. Pureness, without fault, free from impurities, clean, innocent from guilt, undefiled, and so, acceptable to God as holy.
- ii. Being separated out from all that is common or unclean. What is holy is special to God. As his holy ones, called saints by title, we are dedicated by him for his use just as the priests of the Old Covenant were.
- iii. The position given for service to God. As God's holy ones, his priests, we are set apart for service unto him. Only what is made holy is qualified for service unto God, and is NOT to be used for common (worldly) purposes.

2. INTRO: Our holiness is the result of the redemptive work of Jesus as the Christ. There are two aspects to our holiness. The first is our position in Christ, that we have been made holy now and forever, instantaneously at the time of the new birth. The second is our ongoing holiness; as we renew our minds to the truths of the New Covenant, we mature in manifesting holiness.

POSITION & PRACTICE: These two aspects of sanctification MUST be understood. Our position in Christ includes that we are holy ones, saints, by God's doing. The practical side of this is that we are growing *"into holiness,"* the realization of our sanctification by the intrinsic power of the Glad Tidings. We are called with a holy calling in Christ Jesus. We are not of the world, even as Jesus Christ was not of the world (John 17:14 & 16). Our calling is in holiness, sanctification. "The practice" of our position of holiness is to live as one who is made holy.

POSITION: We have been sanctified in and by Christ Jesus. The moment we believe on Jesus Christ we receive the Spirit of God which sanctifies us (Rom. 1:7, 1 Cor. 1:2, 2 Cor. 1:1, Eph. 1:1, Phil. 1:1, etc. Also, 1Cor. 6:11 & 2Th. 2:13). We don't earn sanctification. It is a gift of God's grace because of the redemptive work of Jesus as the Christ.

God corrected Peter regarding those called saints to be accepted as such – Acts 10:15. Acceptance of our sanctification through Jesus Christ includes thinking of, and treating, yourself and other saints with the reverence and respect of which they have been made worthy by Christ. God calls us saints because he knows who we are! Do we?

PRACTICE: God will cause the effects of holiness as we submit to being made holy.

1. Land of Goshen: "... *that you may know that the LORD makes a distinction between Egypt and Israel.*" (Ex 11:7b ESV)
  - a. ***"20 ¶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Rise up early in the morning and present yourself to Pharaoh, as he goes out to the water, and say to him, 'Thus says the LORD, "Let my people go, that they may serve me. 21 Or else, if you will not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies on you and your servants and your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be filled with swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. 22 But on that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, where my people dwell, so that no swarms of flies shall be there, that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the***

*earth. 23 Thus I will put a division between my people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall happen.”””” (Ex 8:20-23 ESV)*

- b. *“3 behold, the hand of the LORD will fall with a very severe plague upon your livestock that are in the field, the horses, the donkeys, the camels, the herds, and the flocks. 4 But the LORD will make a distinction between the livestock of Israel and the livestock of Egypt, so that nothing of all that belongs to the people of Israel shall die.””” 5 And the LORD set a time, saying, “Tomorrow the LORD will do this thing in the land.” 6 And the next day the LORD did this thing. All the livestock of the Egyptians died, but not one of the livestock of the people of Israel died.” (Ex 9:3-6 ESV)*
- c. *“22 ¶ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand toward heaven, so that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, on man and beast and every plant of the field, in the land of Egypt.” 23 Then Moses stretched out his staff toward heaven, and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down to the earth. And the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. 24 There was hail and fire flashing continually in the midst of the hail, very heavy hail, such as had never been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. 25 The hail struck down everything that was in the field in all the land of Egypt, both man and beast. And the hail struck down every plant of the field and broke every tree of the field. 26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the people of Israel were, was there no hail.” (Ex 9:22-26 ESV)*

2. The nations sanctified by the Holy Spirit:

- a. *“15 But I write the more boldly unto you in some measure, as putting you again in remembrance, because of the grace that was given me of God, 16 that I should be a minister of Christ Jesus unto the nations, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, that the offering up of the nations would be made acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. 17 I have therefore my boasting in Christ Jesus in things pertaining to God. 18 For I will not dare to speak of any things except those which Christ worked out through me for the obedience (compliance, submission) of the nations, in word and deed, 19 in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Holy Spirit; so that from Jerusalem, and round about even unto Illyricum, I have carried out into full realization, the gospel of Christ;” (Ro 15:15-19)*
  - i. To believe the Glad Tidings (the Gospel) is to live the Glad Tidings. Believing isn't just mental. It only begins in the mind. Then, it manifests as actions accordingly:
    - 1. Mt. 28: *“Make disciples (disciplined ones) of all nations.*
    - 2. Heb. 11: *“By faith Abel offered to God,” “By faith Noah, having become reverent prepared an ark,” “By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed,” “By faith Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter,” etc.*

3. The Sanctifying work of the Spirit:

- a. *“according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.” (1Pe 1:2 ASV)*
- b. *“13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling them (under the Old Covenant) that have been defiled, sanctify (them) unto the cleanness of the flesh: 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish unto God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Heb 9:13-14 ASV)*

- 4. Some have called our ongoing sanctification *“the second work of grace.”* It is our process of sanctification.
- 5. Through God's truth and his Spirit, his work of sanctifying us continues on. This purification process is for our benefit. Don't resist the sanctifying work of God in your life! (Eph. 4:30, Isa. 63:10, Ps. 78:40 & 1Thess. 5:19)

WHAT PRODUCES HOLINESS? The Truth, in conjunction with Holy Spirit, produces it. Then, we choose to submit to it.

1. ***“7 And they were in all about twelve men. 8 And he entered into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, reasoning and persuading as to the things concerning the kingdom of God. 9 But when some were hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. 10 And this continued for the space of two years; so that all they that dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.”*** (Ac 19:7-10 ASV)  
***“18 Many also of them that had believed came, confessing, and declaring their deeds. 19 And not a few of them that practised magical arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all; and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20 So mightily grew the word of the Lord and prevailed.”*** (Ac 19:18-20 ASV)
2. ***“1 ¶ Finally then, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as ye received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, even as ye do walk,—that ye abound more and more. 2 For ye know what charge we gave you through the Lord Jesus. 3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye abstain from fornication; 4 that each one of you know how to possess himself of his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5 not in the passion of lust, even as the Gentiles who know not God; 6 that no man transgress, and wrong his brother in the matter: because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as also we forewarned you and testified. 7 For God called us not for uncleanness, but in sanctification. 8 Therefore he that rejecteth, rejecteth not man, but God, who giveth his Holy Spirit unto you.”*** (1Th 4:1-8 ASV)
  - a. ***“19 Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own; 20 for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body.”*** (1Co 6:19-20 ASV)
3. ***“For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power (potential power, ability) of God unto salvation (deliverance unto wholeness) to every one that believeth”*** (Ro 1:16a ASV)
4. It is the Word which sanctifies and cleanses. It is wise to not resist God working via his Word to cleanse and sanctify you:
  - a. ***“and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”*** (Joh 8:32 ASV)
  - b. ***“Sanctify them in the truth: thy word is truth.”*** (Joh 17:17 ASV)
  - c. ***“and put on the new man, which after (according to) God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of (which comes from) truth.”*** (Eph 4:24 ASV)
  - d. ***“that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word,”*** (Eph 5:26 ASV)

We were made holy by God’s doing so that we would manifest holiness. In other words, God positioned us in Christ with the aim that we would mature into living as holy ones. This occurs through the intrinsic power of the Glad Tidings producing its effects through us as we renew our minds (bring our thoughts to the realities of the New Covenant).

## POINTS REGARDING HOLINESS WHICH SHOULD'NT BE IGNORED:

WHATEVER IS PRESENTED TO GOD AS A SACRIFICE CANNOT HAVE A FLAW, DEFECT OR BLEMISH: This is true both in the Old Testament and the New Testament.

1. Old Testament:
  - a. *“20 But whatsoever hath a blemish, that (sacrifice) shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you. 21 And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto Jehovah to accomplish a vow, or for a freewill-offering, of the herd or of the flock, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein.” (Le 22:20-21 ASV)*
  - b. *“Thou shalt not sacrifice unto Jehovah thy God an ox, or a sheep, wherein is a blemish, or anything evil; for that is an abomination unto Jehovah thy God.” (De 17:1 ASV)*
2. New Testament:
  - a. *“even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and without blemish before him in love:” (Eph. 1:4) This refers to us being unblemished, and so, an acceptable, sacrifice to God.*
  - b. *“And you, being in time past alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil works, 22 yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and unproveable before him:” (Col 1:21-22 ASV)*
  - c. Through Jesus Christ we are now and forever *“holy and without blemish,”* so that we can present ourselves to God as such. This is HOW he desires us to live for him.
    - i. *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service.” (Ro 12:1 ASV)*
  - d. *“neither present your members unto sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves unto God, as alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.” (Ro 6:13 ASV)*

SOME OTHER THINGS WHICH THE SCRIPTURES STATE ARE HOLY: The word “holy” in the following list is used as an adjective: a word which describes the following noun. For example: we have received Holy Spirit, spirit which is holy, set apart as distinctly different from all other spirits. Consider this list in light of what holiness is in the “review” above:

1. Holy Spirit
2. Holy covenant (Lk. 1:72)
3. Holy angels (Mt. 25:31)
4. Holy brethren (1Thes. 5:27)
5. Holy Father (Jn. 17:11)
6. Holy prophets (Ac. 3:21 & Eph. 3:5)
7. Holy apostles (Eph. 3:5)
8. Holy Scriptures (Rom. 1:2)
9. The Law (Rom. 7:12)
10. Holy kiss (1Cor. 16:20 & Rom. 16:16)
11. Temple of God, which we are (Eph. 2:21)
12. Children of a believing parent (1Cor. 7:14)
13. Our calling (2Tim. 1:9)