

Holiness Study #5

How Do We Live Holy and Sanctified Lives as Individuals in Our Own Contexts?

Holiness: A condition of purity or freedom from sin or of being set apart to special service.

God's Holiness: God's separateness from all else and particularly from all evil.

Intro: How do you demonstrate love? To people you know and don't know? To people you like and don't like?

To be able to practice love, you need to know what it is biblically. Throughout Scripture, love is characterized as an action. Sometimes love must be tough and confrontational in order to heal and restore. Self-sacrificial love gives spiritual truth, help, and concern to those in need. We owe everyone that kind of love and should not owe anything else. That's the heart of Christian living; it's the magnet that attracts the world.

2 Corinthians 5:11-21

Question #1: Verses 14-15 provide a succinct summary of what it means to live as a disciple of Christ. How would you put this in your own words? Does this description of the Christian life match the way you normally think of life in Christ?

Question #2: What is "the ministry of reconciliation" (v. 18) and how have you been responding to this ministry in the different aspects of your life?

Question #3: How does this passage prompt you to live differently?

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Question #4: Why is this command given to us (v. 14)? How does this tie in with the theme of "holiness"?

Question #5: In verses 16-18, Paul is quoting from several Old Testament texts. What do they emphasize about God and God's people.

Question #6: How should the Corinthians (and how should we) view the world and live in it?

Application: How can we pray for you against being "yoked" with idols?