

HOLINESS

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LEVITICUS 11:45 For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. **You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.**

- Holiness here means sacred, clean
- Before being born again, I thought a holy person was someone who was so good that they couldn't be touched by the world and that the world could not touch them.
- But it's really someone who lives out practical Christianity in such a relevant way, that others are drawn to Jesus.

HEBREWS 12:14 **Pursue** peace with all people, and **holiness**, without which no one will see the Lord

- Holiness here means purification.
- As wonderful as grace is, it's never to be understood as a licence to live a sinful life:

ROMANS 6:1-2(NLTSE) "Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?"

ROMANS 6:15(NLTSE) Well then, since God's grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not!

- We understand that when a person becomes born again, we don't immediately want to stop all our sinful ways but as we grow spiritually, and our minds are changed by God's word, we desire our old sinful ways less and less.
- What do our Christian lives look like to others?

1 THESSALONIANS 5:22(KJV) Abstain from all **appearance** of evil.

CARE GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What does holiness mean to you?
2. What effect does grace and holiness have in a person's life?
3. In what ways can grace be used as "licence" or excuse to sin?
4. In what ways can holiness become a religious or legalistic pursuit?
5. In what ways, is holiness evident in the life a Christian?