

HOLINESS (7)

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

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.**

- *Recap: last week we discussed that holiness means following Jesus, even when others don't. We studied JOHN 6:66, and saw that many disciples turned away from following Jesus, when His teachings became too radical for them.*
- This week we're going to focus on being set free from slavery to sin, and becoming slaves of righteousness for holiness.

ROMANS 6:1-23(NLT)

- Some principles of slavery:
 1. A slave has no rights
 - A slave is as good as dead to his own identity: **GALATIANS 2:20(NLTSE)** My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
 - No right to get offended, or let our feelings/emotions rule us/ no sense of entitlement
- 2. A slave is bought and paid for by someone of higher authority
 - We've been bought by the precious blood of Jesus Christ: **1 CORINTHIANS 6:20,7:23, 1 PETER 1:18-19**
- 3. A slave's future is determined by the owner: **ROMANS 8:29** For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren
- 4. A slave can be set free: **JOHN 8:36** Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed
- 5. As slavery to sin makes us sons of the devil (**JOHN 8:44**), so slavery to righteousness and holiness makes us sons of God: **GALATIANS 3:26** For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.
- 6. A slave to righteousness and holiness has a full inheritance: **COLOSSIANS 3:24** knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ

CARE GROUP DISCUSSION

1. What are some of the effects, that slavery has on those entrapped in it?
2. In what ways can we be in slavery, without even really realizing it?
3. How does faith in Jesus, move us from being slaves of sin, to slaves of righteousness? How does this practically take place in our lives?
4. What evidences are there, of being a slave to sin? What evidences are there of being a slave to righteousness?