

THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS: IT'S NOT AN OPTION

Holiness Study Series # 1

Introduction

- Oswald Chambers – “_____, not _____, is the chief end of man.”

Text: Hebrews 12:14

What is holiness?

Holiness – The state or quality of being morally _____ and _____ from evil (1 Thessalonians 4:3-7; 1 Peter 1:14-16)

To live a holy life is to live in conformity with the _____ principles of the Word of God and in contrast to the _____ ways of the _____.

New Testament pictures of holiness:

- Changing _____ (Ephesians 4:17-32)
- Changing _____ (Colossians 3:7, 1 & 2 John)
- Putting to _____ (Colossians 3:5)

Does our salvation depend on our holiness?

- Our acts of righteousness are like _____ garments in God's sight (Isaiah 64:6)
- _____ obedience and righteousness are applied on _____ behalf. (Romans 5:19; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

God has provided our holiness through _____.

Two aspects of holiness:

- The holiness we _____ when we are in Christ and Christ is in us.
- The holiness we _____ in our daily lives. (1 Thessalonians 4:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Titus 2:11-14)

Why is holiness so important?

- Holiness is required for _____ with God. (Psalm 15:1-5; Psalm 66:18)
God does not require a perfect, sinless life to have fellowship with Him, but He does expect us to be _____ about holiness and the presence of _____ in our lives.
- Holiness is required for our _____: _____ (Hebrews 12:6; 1 Corinthians 11:30; Psalm 32:3-4)
When God speaks to us about some sin, we need to take _____ and take _____.
- Holiness is necessary for effective _____. (2 Timothy 2:20-21)

How do I live a holy life?

God won't do it _____ us and we can't do it _____ him ... so we must do our best, totally depending upon the ability _____ makes available to us.

Conclusion: Pursue Holiness

- _____ at it ... it takes effort.
- Don't give up ... it is a _____ task.