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## **Be Holy**

*Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.* (Hebrews 12:14) Being Holy is to reflect Christ in every situation in life. We are filled with the Holy Spirit and our hearts are filled with God's love, therefore being holy reflects our Christ-like character. However Satan will tempt us by placing ungodly people in our path to incite fear or anger, tempting us to be unholy. Being Holy and standing for Christ takes courage and self-control, which is not always easy to do.

*Speak to the entire Israelite community and tell them: Be holy because I, Yahweh your God, am holy.* (Leviticus 19:2) God told Moses to tell the Israelites to be holy because God is Holy. In the Bible God is referred to as holy, holy, holy, because there is no one like our perfect God. *Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty," who was, and is, and is to come.*" (Revelations 4:8) This is a vision where John saw angels worshipping God and referring to him as holy, holy, holy. If Christ is

holy, holy, holy and we are to conform to the image of Christ, then we are to be holy. How can we be a Christian in this world without being holy?

## **Living a Holy Life**

Living a holy life for the Lord requires motivation to reflect Christ-like behavior to the world. This can sometimes be a difficult task because our fleshly drive us to conform to the world in certain situations. *For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.* (Galatians 5:17) Our fleshly desires can keep us from being holy because we are not perfect. We strive to control our fleshly desires and emotions and remain holy, but it's a spiritual war and Satan is tempting us to be unholy and conform to the pattern of the world.

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

(Romans 12:2) Our minds are being renewed meaning the neural connections are being rewired to the mind of Christ, so we can taste the Lord's good, pleasing, and perfect will. *Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.* (Psalm 34:8) When we taste the goodness of the Lord in our life we will follow his good, pleasing, and perfect will; and we develop the desire to be holy.

*But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."* (1 Peter 1:15-16) Jesus was sinless and always reflected the Father, even to his last breath on the cross. We are to be Holy and reflect Christ in all we do. Sometimes we may have an opportunity to be Holy and reflect Christ, but we keep quiet. Although there are times when we should keep quiet, when emotions are high and people are unable to hear the truth. But we can pray and ask the Lord to lead us to people that have hearts that will listen to the good news of Christ.

## **Be Holy Servants of Christ**

*This, then, is how you ought to regard us: as servants of Christ and as those entrusted with the mysteries God has revealed.*(1 Corinthians 4:1)

We are called to be servants of Christ and we are entrusted to reveal the mysteries of God, and how can we do this without being holy? We understand the Word and salvation through Christ, and we pray and search for opportunities to tell others the good news of Christ.

*If you love me, keep my commands.* (John 14:15)

It's God's love in our hearts that motivates us to serve the Lord. The more we minister to the world, reflecting the love of Christ to individuals, the more love Christ pours into our hearts. Love motivates us to serve the Lord which drives us to be holy. To serve the Lord we must be Christ-like in every situation so people see Jesus in us; a loving, compassionate, and caring heart. We must be holy if we are to be the Lord's servant.

Peter denied Christ three times when he was arrested. *But Peter said "Man, I do not know what*

*you are talking about.” And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly. (Luke 22:60-62) Peter denied Christ, but after Jesus’ resurrection Christ forgave Peter and asked him three times, Jesus asked a third time, “Simon son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was deeply hurt that Jesus had asked him a third time, “Do you love Me?” “Lord, You know all things,” he replied. “You know I love You.” Jesus said to him, “Feed My sheep. (John 21:17) Christ asked Peter three times “do you love me,” because of fear Peter denied Jesus three times. There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. (1 John 4:18) God’s love in our hearts casts out fear, that is why Jesus asked Peter three times Do you love me?*

*And He said to him,” ‘You shall love The Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ “This is the great*



*and foremost commandment. “The second is like it, ‘you shall love your neighbor as yourself.’* The more we love the Lord, the more we will love others, and the less fear we have. (Matthew 22:37-38) Satan uses fear to make us unholy and conform to the world, but God’s love in our hearts triumphs over Satan’s fear and we live victoriously in Christ.

## **Benefits of Being Holy**

*You shall be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.* (Leviticus 20:26) We are holy and we do not conform to the pattern of the world, but we follow the Spirit and we belong to God. We live a holy life as the Lord’s servants, and we reap the blessings from God. He takes care of our life in this world; *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.* (Matthew 6:33) He fills us with spiritual blessings giving us life to the full and freedom in Christ.

## **Life to the Full**

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* (John 10:10) A holy servant for the Lord is the best position on the planet and the Heavenly blessings from above flow into our soul. The Lord promise's life to the full, although many unbelievers say they have a great life, but they haven't experienced life to full from Christ. There is no life on the planet that compares to the fulfilling life the Lord gives us.

Life to the full comes with a heart filled with the Lord's love giving us the desire to be holy and reflect his love to others. *You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.* (Psalm 16:11) Being holy as the Lord's servant is a life filled with joy and pleasures. No one can give us a life more fulfilling than the Lord, and we have eternal life in Heaven with the Father and the Son. Money, power, possessions can only temporally satisfy the flesh and never fulfill the desires of our spiritual soul.

Only the Lord can fulfill our soul from Heaven through the indwelling Holy Spirit. *The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you--they are full of the Spirit and life.* (John 6:33) How can any nonbeliever have life to the full since they are spiritually dead?

### **Free in Christ**

*It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.* (Galatians 5:1) Christ sets us free and we are guided through life to our Heavenly home. We have the love, compassion, and power for God in us and we overcome the world. *Everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.* (1 John 5: 4) A holy servant of God has overcome the world because we interface to the world through the Spirit. We are guided by the Spirit and not by the world, therefore we are free in Christ because Christ has overcome the world. *I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the*

*world.* (John 16:33) Christ has overcome the world and Christ lives in us through the Spirit, and he enables us to overcome the world through his guidance and power.

## **Summary**

Freedom in Christ, life to the full, and a heart filled with God's love giving us peace and joy, without Satan's fear; can only happen in our life if we are holy. We cannot be the Lord's servant if we are not holy. *Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.* (Luke 9:23) We cannot deny self or bear our cross unless we are Holy, and we cannot follow Christ if we are not holy. Our Christian life starts by striving to be holy, to be Christ-like at all times. Be holy and reap the blessings of God, and experience the spiritual growth that comes from being holy. There is no better life than being a holy servant of Christ, and our life gets better the longer we are holy and serve the Lord. Life gets better till our last breath then life is perfect forever in Heaven.







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