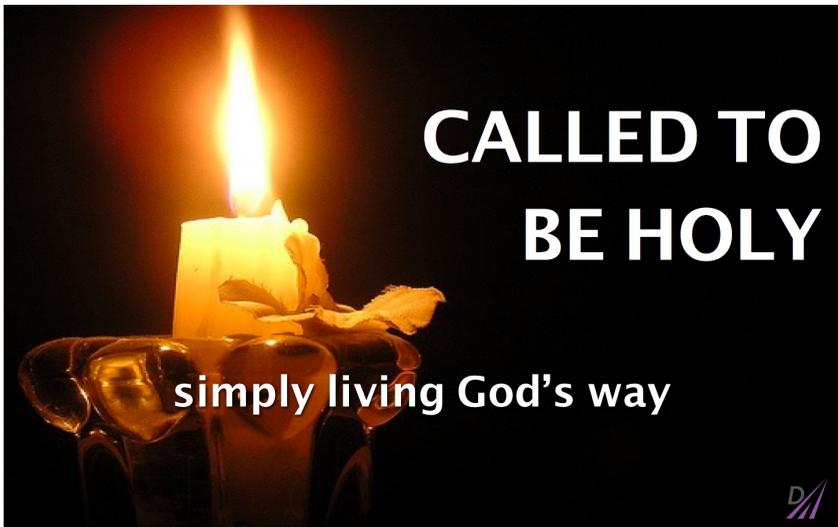




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## Holiness Defined - What does it mean?

Hebrew:

- Holiness: Qādôš - two separate original forms that are pulled together.
  - Akkadian (qadistu) signifies pure / devoted / holy - describing something or someone.
  - Arabic (al-qaddus) refers to holiness in regard to a situation / place or state of being.

The Hebrew combines the two – what something is and where something is.

Hebrew:

- Sanctify: qādas (kaudash) - to sanctify, be holy.
  - In Ugaritic : q-d-s = sanctuary.
  - Old Babylonian : qadāsu = shine (ie glorious).

Two aspects brought together = Set apart - for God's glory.

Greek:

- Hagios - separation to God and the resultant state of being.

Separation from sin and consecrated for God.

Latin:

- Sanctus - sacred facio - I make

Therefore, bringing two together, sanctification = I make sacred

## Why is Holiness important?

1. Holiness is the evidence of salvation. (*Jn 15:5*)
2. Holiness is evidence of our love for Jesus. (*Jn 14:23*)
3. Holiness is evidence that we are God's children. (*1 Jn 3:10; Heb 13:16. Rom 8:9-14*)
4. Holiness will impact others - benefit society. (*Matt 5& 6; Heb 13:16*)
5. Holiness gives us fullness of life now and prepares us for a new heaven & earth. (*Jn 10:10; 2 Pet 3:13*)
6. Holiness is about the best that God has for us. (*Is 55*)



*Those who want to know the minimum God requires, usually want the maximum they can still have of this world.*

*Those who want to be the most for God, are usually more than happy to have the very least of this world.*

"I am convinced that the first step towards attaining a higher standard of holiness is to realize more fully the amazing sinfulness of sin." - JC Ryle

Minimalist Christians have not understood the awfulness of sin. A scriptural view of sin challenges our tolerant attitudes.

### **Three things to remember:**

- 1) Sin is in us all and has left us condemned and under God's judgement.
  - sinful nature (Gen 6:5; Jer 17:9; Mk 7:21)
  - sinful actions (Ro 7:18; Ro 3:23)
  - under God's wrath (Ez 18:4; Ro 2:5; Eph 2:1,3)
  
- 2) The consequences of sin: separation from God and a broken relationship.
  - Naked, ashamed, frightened (Gen 3:9&10)
  - Empty, desolate, ruined (Jer 4:4)
  - Out of God's sight, away from his presence (Hab 1:13)
  - Guilty (Jas 2:10)
  - Excluded from new heaven & earth (Rev 21)
  - Eternally condemned to hell (Matt 25:41)
  
- 3) Sin deceives us.
  - We see sin as less sinful and dangerous than God does. J.C.Ryle - 'Sin rarely seems sin at its first beginnings.'
  
  - We are seduced and deceived by sin. We tolerate it, excuse it, compare it, even argue for it. (Gen 3:1; Rom 3:5-8; 7:11; 2 Cor 11:3)
  
  - We have a responsibility to help each other. (Heb 3:13)

Holiness is not an optional extra. It is an essential part of Christian discipleship.



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