

SANCTIFICATION (PART 3)

THE PRIORITY OF HOLINESS

Twenty convincing proofs that our holiness is God's priority:

1. **God himself is preeminently holy**
Lev. 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7, 26; 22:32; 1Pet. 1:14

2. **Holiness is the distinguishing characteristic of those who inherit the kingdom**
Ps. 15:1-5; Matt. 5:3-12; 2 Pet 1:5-11
 - a. **The Beatitudes** (Matt. 5:3-12)
 - b. **The Sermon on the Mount** (Matt 5:20)

3. **God's glory depends on our godliness**
Matt. 5:16; 1Tim. 3:14-15

4. **Our sanctification is God's will**
1Thess 4:3

5. **The Law and the gospel message prioritize God-fearing obedience**
Lev 26:46; 27:34; 1Tim. 1:8-10; 1Tim. 1:11
 - a. **The Decalogue** (Ex. 20:1-21)
 - b. **The Shema** (Deut. 6:1-15)

6. **Godliness is the goal of biblical instruction**
1Tim. 1:5; Ti. 2:1-14

7. **The Great Commission is about the multiplication of obedient disciples**
Matt. 28:18-20

8. **God's favorable presence requires obedience**
Matt. 18:20; 28:19-20; 1Cor. 3:16-17; Jas. 4:7-10; Rev. 2:4-5

9. **Obedience is the essence of love**
Matt. 22:34-40; 1Jn. 5:1-3
 - a. **Toward God** (Deut. 6:1-15)
 - b. **Toward men** (1Cor. 13:4-7)

- 10. Holiness is the essence of the fear of God and wisdom**
Job 28:28; Pro. 3:7; 8:13; 14:2; 16:6; Jas. 3:13-18

- 11. Christ died to sanctify believers**
Ti. 2:14; Heb. 9:14

- 12. Salvation is about transformation unto Christlikeness**
Eph. 2:10
 - 1. Predestinatioion/Election** (Eph. 1:4)
 - 2. Calling** (1Thess. 4:7)
 - 3. Forgiveness** (Ps. 130:3-4)
 - 4. Assurance** (1Jn. 1:5-7; 2:3-6; 3:10)
 - 5. Glorification** (Ps. 17:15; 1Thess. 5:23)

- 13. God disciplines His children for their holiness**
Matt. 18:15-17; 1Cor 5:11; Heb. 12:10

- 14. Obedience is the proper response to God's blessings**
Gen. 39:7-9; Rom. 6:4; 12:1-2; 1Pet. 2:1-3

- 15. The blessing of God depends on obedience**
Lev. 26:1-3, 40-41, 43; Deut. 28:1-2, 9, 13-14; Jn. 13:17

- 16. The curse of God depends on obedience**
Lev. 26:14-15, 21, 23, 27, 39; Deut. 28:15, 20, 45, 47, 58, 62

- 17. Godly boldness depends on upright living**
Pro. 14:26; 28:1

- 18. Our usefulness depends on our purity**
2Tim. 2:20-22

- 19. Our joy depends on our submission to God**
Gen. 4:6; Phil 4:4; 1Thess. 5:16

- 20. The pursuit of righteousness is commanded**
1Tim. 6:11; 2Tim. 2:22