

PERFECTING HOLINESS

DEFINITION:

HOLINESS = Living out the fact that Jesus made us the righteousness of God. Holiness is restraining the things that are against the Almighty God and receiving the things of God to replace them with.

You are already the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. You can't add to this, but you can live holy or unholy. Living holy is purposing to live according to the righteousness God gave you.

1. SOW FOR YOURSELF IN RIGHTEOUSNESS. (HOSEA 10:12)

- A. Sow for yourself righteousness, and you will reap the harvest of the righteous.
- B. It is time to break up your fallow ground (beware of the sin of familiarity).
- C. Do it until He comes and rains righteousness upon you.

2. YOU MUST LEARN TO CLEANSE YOURSELF. NO ONE ELSE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO DO IT. (2 COR 6:16-7:1)

- A. Cleanse yourself from all filthiness.
 - 1) Cleanse yourself from the filthiness of the flesh.
 - 2) Cleanse yourself from the filthiness of the spirit of the world.
- B. Perfecting holiness in your lives in the fear of the Lord.

3. THE BIBLE TALKS ABOUT THE ONE WHO CAN AND DOES PURIFY HIMSELF. (1 JOHN 3:1-3)

- A. Purification is a life-long process that does not end until we see Heaven.
- B. The Bible tells us how to do it and even empowers us to live pure.
- C. The gospel is more than believable, it is livable.

4. WE ALL MUST ENDEAVOR TO KEEP OURSELVES PURE. (1 TIM 5:22)

- A. Do it yourself to yourself. It's required of you.
- B. Purify yourself from the wrong people.

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C. NEVER share or partake in another man's sin. Don't be an accomplice.

**5. YOU MUST LIVE IN THE SELF=PURGING PROCESS ALL YOUR CHRISTIAN DAYS.
(2 TIM 2:20-22)**

A. In every great house (God's house is one of these) there are vessels of honor and dishonor.

B. You want to be a vessel of honor.

C. The difference between vessels of honor and vessels of dishonor is the fact that some "purged" themselves.

D. We are to be sanctified and prepared for every good work.

**6. WE ARE SUPPOSED TO LAY THE FOUNDATION OF OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE ONCE AND THEN GO ON TO PERFECTION.
(HEB 6:1-2)**

A. We should get free from "dead works" so we can mature in holiness unto God.