

WORD

¹⁵But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 1 PETER 1:15,16

God commands us to be holy as He is holy. If we claim to be His children, this is not optional for us. Being holy means being set apart, morally pure, blameless, and perfect. The call to holiness is given to every believer. We are holy through the sacrifice of Jesus and we live out that holiness on the basis of that truth. In this lesson, we will look at three truths about holiness and how these apply to our lives.

1 God is holy.

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." ISAIAH 6:1-3

God's holiness is an essential part of His nature and it drives His every attribute—His love is holy, His wisdom is holy, His Word is holy. Though God is holy, we are not and can never be on our own. How did Isaiah's encounter with God's holiness change him (Isaiah 6:5)?

.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....
.....

2 In Christ, we are made holy.

. . . we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. HEBREWS 10:10

Because God knew that we can't be holy on our own, He made a way for us. He sent His Son as the sacrifice for our sins. As a result, we have been made holy. When God sees us, He doesn't see our sin any longer—He sees Christ's righteousness. In Christ, we are also set apart, morally pure, blameless, and perfect. Share how this truth has changed you.

.....
.....
.....
.....

3 In Christ, we are called to be holy.

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do . . . 1 PETER 1:15

For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. 1 THESSALONIANS 4:7

As God's children, we are to reflect His holiness in the way we live. Our response to Jesus' sacrifice requires an active separation from sin and it is His grace that enables us to do so. This calling to be holy is a daily, continuous pursuit of living for God in all we do, and turning away from unrighteous, ungodly living. Recall one habit or attitude that God helped you turn away from, in order to be holy like Him.

.....
.....
.....
.....