

Reclaiming Biblical Words



Holiness



The Importance of Holiness



A common definition:
“Set apart.” (for God)

Isaiah 6:1-7

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of His robe filling the temple.

Isaiah 6:1-7

² Seraphim stood above Him,
each having six wings:
with two he covered his face,
and with two he covered his feet,
and with two he flew.

Isaiah 6:1-7

³ And one called out to another
and said,

“Holy, Holy, Holy, is the
LORD of hosts,

The whole earth is full of His glory.”

Isaiah 6:1-7

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds trembled at the voice of him who called out, while the temple was filling with smoke.

Isaiah 6:1-7

⁵ Then I said,

“Woe is me, for I am ruined!

Because I am a man of unclean lips,

And I live among a people of
unclean lips;

For my eyes have seen the King,
the LORD of hosts.”

Isaiah 6:1-7

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a burning coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs.

Isaiah 6:1-7

⁷ He touched my mouth *with it* and said, “Behold, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away and your sin is forgiven.”

1 Peter 1:15-16

¹⁵ but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior;

¹⁶ because it is written, “YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”

Sharing God's Holiness

1) Making me
holy is the
work of the
Holy Spirit.

1 Peter 1:2

² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: May grace and peace be yours in the fullest measure.

1 Corinthians 6:19

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

Sharing God's Holiness

2) I am
“considered
holy” when I
become a
Christian.

1 Corinthians 6:11

¹¹ Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

1 Peter 2:5

⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:9-10

⁹ But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR *God's* OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

1 Peter 2:9-10

¹⁰ for you once were NOT A PEOPLE,
but now you are THE PEOPLE OF GOD;
you had NOT RECEIVED MERCY, but now
you have RECEIVED MERCY.

Sharing God's Holiness

3) I am
“becoming
holy” by
getting sin out
of my life.

1 Peter 2:11-12

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts which wage war against the soul.

1 Peter 2:11-12

¹² Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Romans 8:13

¹³ for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Philippians 2:13

¹³ for it is God who is at work in you,
both to will and to work for *His*
good pleasure.

Hebrews 12:14

¹⁴ Pursue peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one will see the Lord.

Let's live as those set
apart for God!

