

## *The Message Notes*

**Series:** Corona Series

**Message:** *Living Holy!*

**Sunday:** May 3, 2020

**Scripture:** I Peter 1:16



**I Peter 1:16.** For the Scriptures say, “You **must be holy** because **I am holy.**” (NLT)

### **Review:**

1. **Be Content** – Christ strengthens you to be satisfied with whatever you have under any conditions. Philippians 4:11-13

“Troubles test the authenticity of our faith in Christ and produces contentment.”

2. **Do Not Fear** – Faith or fear is derived by what you put your focus upon – Faith in Christ. Matthew 14:22-36

“God uses adverse conditions to reveal Himself to us.”

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**Difference:** Legalism and Holiness

- **Legalism** attempts to earn living holy by your works and behavior.
- **Holiness** is an **attribute** of God alone; God declares we are holy by our relationship with Him.

“Can you live **holy** and be part of our **progressive** culture?”

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Church:** modernism-method-message

“We categorize sin as **acceptable** and **unacceptable.**”

“All sins are **unacceptable** to God.”

### **Points to the Message:**

**Command:** “You must be **holy.**”

**Why:** “I am **holy**”

1. Living Holy: God is \_\_\_\_\_ – God’s holiness is an attribute not shared by creation.

## Definition of God's Holiness:

- a) God is perfect in character
- b) God is morally pure (sinless)
- c) God is set apart (different from the rest)

## Reference: Isaiah 6:3-8 (NLT)

2. Living Holy: Be \_\_\_\_\_ – God declares you holy because of the natural outgrowth of being in relationship with Him by grace and faith in Christ.

**Leviticus 20:26 (NLT)** You must **be holy** because I, the Lord, am holy. I have **set you apart** from all other people to be my **very own**.”

## Living Holy:

- a) Be perfect (character)
- b) Be morally pure (sinless)
- c) Be set apart (different from the rest)

**References:** Ephesians 1:4, Ezekiel 44:23, Hebrews 5:14

**Question:** How is your lifestyle **different** from those who do not walk with Christ?

3. Living Holy: Perfecting \_\_\_\_\_ - How do we grow in holiness.

**Hebrews 12:14 (ESV)** **Strive** for peace with everyone, and for **holiness** without which no one will **see** the Lord. Reference: 1 Peter 1:15

**Perfecting Holiness:** Seeing sin as God sees sin

- a) Separating from the world (closeness)
- b) Living in obedience (character)
- c) Confessing your sins (purity and perfection)

**2 Corinthians 6:17.** Therefore, **come out** from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the Lord. Don't touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you. **v.18.** And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

**References:** I Thessalonians 4:3-5, Titus 2:12, Hebrews 12:10-11, I John 1:8-9 (NLT)

**NEXT WEEK:** *Special Mother's Day Guest:* Pastor Claudette A. Copeland