

## Remember to be Holy

**“Follow, (in the sense of pursue), peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord” Hebrews 12:14**

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It is important to remember that we all need **our sins forgiven** and to **be set free from the old nature of sinful behaviour**.

These are two essential things to get to heaven and to be with God.

John Wesley defined “holiness” as the life of Christ in the soul. This is the positive view of “holiness”.

The negative view of “holiness” is the removal of, or the overcoming of, the old nature of sinful habits.

The forgiveness of our sins and the overcoming of sinful behaviour, are priorities for every believer.

**“Let not sin therefore reign** in your mortal body, that you should obey it in the lusts thereof. Romans 6:12.

**Both of these essentials are achieved by faith**. (That is, that we believe in our hearts, what the Holy Spirit has revealed to us from the Word of God, on these two issues.)

**As believers in Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven** as we confess them to God, and believe that Christ paid the price in full, for each sinful act, by His death on the Cross and in His resurrection. Acts 2:38, 1Corinthians 15:3, 4, 17, 1John 1:9, 1Peter 2:24, 1John 1:7.

**Our lives are delivered from the bondage of sinful behaviour** as we believe the promises of truth in 1John 1:9, Romans 6:1-4, 6, 11, 14, 22, Galatians 2:20, 5:24, Ephesians 4:22-24.

That old sinful behaviour of anger, hate, pride, fear, lying, stealing, lust, immorality, unbelief, doubt, envy, covetousness, and so on, was put to death with Christ on the Cross, buried with Him, and we have been raised up with Christ to walk in newness of life in Christ.

**Our water baptism** is an outward act demonstrating this spiritual truth. Colossians 2:12, 13.

**By our identification with Jesus Christ** in His death, burial and resurrection, we have been delivered from the power of sin. We are now able to put off the old nature of sin, Ephesians 4:22, and put on the new nature from God, which is created in righteousness and true holiness. Ephesians 4:24.

**As we do the believing** of the powerful promises of God, 2Peter 1:3, 4, 2Corinthians 7:1, 2Corinthians 1:20, **the Holy Spirit works through the Word we believe and speak**, and performs the miracle work of God. 2Corinthians 4:13. We are able to receive full forgiveness of sins, and full deliverance from the power of sinful bondage.

There is another word for **“holiness”** in the New Testament and it is **“sanctification”**.

“For this is the will of God, even your “sanctification”, that you should abstain from sexual immorality; ..... For God did not call us unto uncleanness, but unto “holiness”. 1Thessalonians 4:3, 4 and 7.

The Greek word for “holiness” and “sanctification” is “hagiasmos”. 1Corinthians 1:30, 2Thessalonians 2:13, 1Peter 1:2, Romans 6:19, 22, 1Timothy 2:15, Hebrews 12:14. (Young’s Concordance)

“But as He who has called you is holy, (Greek “hagios”) so be ye holy (“hagios”) in all your behaviour.” 1Peter 1:15.

“Because it is written, “Be holy (“hagios”) for I am holy (“hagios”).” 1Peter 1:16, Leviticus 11:44,45.

“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and the spirit, perfecting “holiness” in the fear of the Lord.” 2Corinthians 7:1.

“Holiness” and “sanctification” mean: to be set apart. (Young’s Concordance)

We are to be set apart unto God, from all evil, sin, influence of satan, (1Corinthians 10:19-21) and this world system. (1John 2:15,16,17.)

If you notice something in your behaviour that is not pleasing to God, do not “turn a blind eye to it.”

Work with the Word of faith. 2Corinthians 4:13. Faith in the Word of God is more powerful than sin.

Sin will go and you will be free to be like Jesus Christ. Romans 13:14, Galatians 3:27.

Keep in the Word of God each day, and the “washing of the water by the Word” will do its powerful work in you. Ephesians 5:26.

Avoid all unclean books, magazines, videos, TV, conversation, pictures, thoughts, and follow Colossians 3:1-3.

Set you mind on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.