

The Holy Spirit and Living a Holy Life

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

The Holiness of God

SUNDAY: February 5

Key Passage(s): 1 Peter 1:12-16; Romans 1:5; Job 33:14; Genesis 41:32

1. Holy, holy, holy is what the Heavenly Trio is but what does He call us to? 1 Peter 1:14

2. What concept is synonymous with holy from verse 13? 1 Peter 1:13

3. What is brought to us to assist us in being like Him? 1 Peter 1:12; Romans 1:5

4. Why does God use repetition, such as, holy, holy, holy or verily, verily or Martha, Martha in scripture? Job 33:14; Genesis 41:32

5. (Discussion) How does His holiness impact our holiness? 2 Corinthians 3:18

"By beholding we become changed, morally assimilated to the One who is perfect in character. By receiving His imputed righteousness, through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, we become like Him. The image of Christ is cherished, and it captivates the whole being." <u>Manuscript 148</u>, (1897)

The Nature of Holiness

MONDAY: February 6

Key Passage(s): Ephesians 1:4, Ephesians 5:25-27, Hebrews 12:14, Psalm 29:2; Exodus 33:18-19

1. What was God's plan since the foundation of the world for humanity? Ephesians 1:4

2. Why did Christ come and die on the cross? Ephesians 5:25-27

3. What is holiness a prerequisite for? Hebrews 12:14

4. What's another biblical synonym for holiness? Psalm 29:2; Exodus 33:18-19

5. (Discuss) What is true holiness?

"Holiness is not rapture: it is an entire surrender of the will to God; it is living by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God; it is doing the will of our heavenly Father; it is trusting God in trial, in darkness as well as in the light; it is walking by faith and not by sight; it is relying on God with unquestioning confidence, and resting in His love." <u>Adventist Home</u>, p. 51.2.

The Agent of Sanctification

TUESDAY: February 7

Key Passage(s): Acts 26:18, 1 Corinthians 6:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2; Hebrews 13:12

1. How is sanctification received? Acts 26:18

2. Who is the primary agent of our sanctification? 1 Corinthians 6:11

3. Who is the agent of sanctification? 2 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2

4. Is the Holy Spirit the only agent of sanctification? Hebrews 13:12

5. (Discussion) How important is the Holy Spirit in our sanctification?

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The Rule of Holiness is God's Law

WEDNESDAY: February 8

Key Passage(s): Romans 7:12, Matthew 5:17-19, 1 John 3:4, Romans 13:10

1. How does one measure the standard of holiness? Romans 7:12

2. Is holiness a changing concept? Matthew 5:17-19

3. What is the only definition for a lack of holiness? 1 John 3:4

4. What is at the root of true holiness? Romans 13:10

5. (Discussion) Is there a need for "conservative" Christians to exercise holiness in how they treat one another?

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The Holy Spirit and Christ

THURSDAY: February 9

Key Passage(s): Psalm 15:1-2; Ephesians 4:22-24, 2 Timothy 2:21; Psalm 24:3-5

1. What are some more characteristics of the sanctified?

a. Psalm 15:1-2

b. Ephesians 4:22-24

c. 2 Timothy 2:21

d. Psalm 24:3-5

2. (Discussion) What is true holiness?

"True holiness is wholeness in the service of God. This is the condition of true Christian living. Christ asks for an unreserved consecration, for undivided service. He demands the heart, the mind, the soul, the strength. Self is not to be cherished. He who lives to himself is not a Christian." Christ's Object Lessons, p. 48.4