

# Group Questions- *Holiness: Week 3*

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## *Getting to Know Me Questions:*

- If you could hire someone to help you, what would it be for?
- Google 'Would you rather questions'. Go around the group, each answering the question. Do a few of them until you feel you've done enough.

## *Into the Bible Questions:*

- What's something that you learned, that stood out, interesting etc from this week?
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- Pastor Kirby re-read this quote by Pastor Rich Villodas  
"In our minds, holiness is usually about what we abstain from. But Jesus saw holiness as what you give yourself to. Namely, mercy, love and hospitality. In the end, the holiest people are the ones who love well."
  - Now, that we've been through this series, and you've thought more about it, what is your reaction/thought to this quote and idea? Why? Describe it.
  - Were you ever taught that, as a follower of Christ, you are holy? If yes, describe that and how you think it shaped your faith. If no, what were you taught about holiness and how God viewed you? Describe it and how you think it shaped your faith.
  - Has there ever been something where you have lost a relationship because you or someone else took a side? Maybe you or them were a bit over the top with their loyalty?
- **READ:** 1 John 2:15-17
- John says to not 'love the world or anything it. If we do, the love of God is not in us.' How do you describe this or feel about it?
- **READ:** 1 Peter 1:13-16
- Why did Peter say the people were ignorant? What does it mean for you to 'be holy in all you do'?
- Pastor Kirby quoted an interview response asking for the best advice they received. "You can always change your mind." How do you respond to this idea? How does it apply to Holiness?

## *Application Questions:*

- Pursuing Holiness is a choice. A choice with the goal that we will respond naturally, much like walking. How does our choice of holiness affect those around you?
- **READ:** Galatians 5:22-23 (Fruits of the Spirit)
- Which one of these or more than one, will you choose to pursue this week?

## Holiness Week 3: More Like Christ

Pastor Rich Villodas

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Galatians 5:22-23

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control.

- **Coke or Pepsi**
- **The Boston Red Sox or NY Yankees**
- **Night time or mornings**
- **Road trip or airplane**
- **Android or iPhone**
- **Pen or Pencil**

1 John 2:1-11; 15-17

<sup>1</sup> My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup> He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

<sup>3</sup> We know that we have come to know him if we keep his commands. <sup>4</sup> Whoever says, “I know him,” but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. <sup>5</sup> But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: <sup>6</sup> Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

<sup>7</sup> Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. <sup>8</sup> Yet I am writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and in you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining.

<sup>9</sup> Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates a brother or sister is still in the darkness. <sup>10</sup> Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble. <sup>11</sup> But anyone who hates a brother or sister is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness. They do not know where they are going, because the darkness has blinded them.

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. <sup>16</sup> For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup> The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.

**Lust of the flesh:** I need to have everything done my way.

**Lust of the eyes:** People exist to provide me what I want

**Pride of Life:** It’s all about me. “Me Monster”

Matthew 6:1-4

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

1 Peter 1:13-16

<sup>13</sup> Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. <sup>14</sup> As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. <sup>15</sup> But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; <sup>16</sup> for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

Best Advice: “You can always change your mind.”

Be holy, because I [God] am holy.

Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.