

# HOLINESS

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Text - 1 Peter 1:9-17

## I. THE REASON FOR HOLINESS Vss. 9-12

- a. Salvation

## II. THE RIGORS OF HOLINESS Vss. 13-14

- a. Salvation costs you nothing.
- b. Holy living will cost you everything.

## III. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF HOLINESS Vss. 15-16

- a. The standard is high - *“Be ye holy, for I am Holy.”*

## IV. THE REVERENCE OF HOLINESS Vs. 17

- a. *“...pass the time of your sojourning here in fear.”*

## PERFECTING HOLINESS

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Any pastor or special speaker who announces that he will be speaking on holiness will probably not get a large turnout. It is not a popular subject. Although it is not a popular subject, it is still a Bible doctrine for today, and any true preacher of the Gospel will need to talk about practicing holiness or holy living.

1 Peter 1:15a says “But as he which hath called you is holy...” Our holy God is the one who has called us to salvation through faith in his Son. He has justified us and made it so we are without condemnation in Christ.

Revelation 22:17, Romans 10:13, Romans 5:1, Romans 8:1

God has declared us to be a “holy nation” in 1 Peter 2:9. God views our position as “holy”, or set apart for him. Because I have been called by God to salvation and have been declared holy or set apart in my position, I am also to practice a separated or holy life (1 Peter 1:15-16). This does not mean that I’ll be sinless in this life, but it does mean that I will live a life that strives to be holy (1 John 1:8-10). Those who serve a holy God are to practice holiness.

As we perfect holiness we develop a life that is:

### SET APART FOR REASONING - Vs. 13

The way we think is to bring honor and glory to the Lord.

### SET APART FOR RESPONSE - Vs. 14

We are to respond to God as obedient children.

### SET APART FOR REVERENCE - Vs. 17

As we reverence God, we will be careful about our behavior.