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Perfecting Holiness

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

The phrase *perfecting holiness* actually is comprised of two Greek words *epiteleo*, pronounced *ep-ee-tel-eh'-o* and *hagiosune* pronounced *hag-ee-o-soo'-nay*. The word for *perfecting*, *epiteleo*, means *to fulfill further or completely, performance*. The word for *holiness*, *hagiosune*, means *to be physically pure, morally pure, and consecrated*.

Paul was instructing the Church at Corinth concerning how to perfect holiness. Paul instructed them that perfecting holiness required a cleansing, a cleansing from the filthiness. This cleansing was going to involve the flesh and the spirit. Thus, perfecting holiness was not just addressing the spirit. It was also addressing the flesh.

Many today want to please the Lord with all of their heart. They have good intentions, good attitudes, and good works, but they don't realize the truth concerning a word that many have forgotten, many sidestep, and many just think it's extreme. That word, *holiness*.

Holiness is probably one of the most misunderstood words of our modern day. Many relate it to Old Testament Times. Many relate it to a certain adjective describing a particular church. But the fact concerning holiness is, it pertains to the flesh and the spirit--and to all people. In fact, the Bible instructs us in ***Hebrews 12:14*** that without holiness “***...no man shall see the Lord.***”

In the modern age that we are living in, most folks are fashion conscious. Nobody wants to be out of touch with the *times*. But the *trends* and *blends* of society cause us to pursue a *blending-in-with* the world, rather than a *separation* from the world. And when we begin to blend more than we transcend, then we miss the intent of holiness.

Many folks are confused as to who that are suppose to please, or who they will be answering to. Some think they have to please the Pastor. Some think they have to please an organization. Some think

they have to answer to some fellowship group. Well, the reality of the matter is, we must all answer to the Lord! And the Bible says that if we are friends with the world, then we are an enemy of God! ***James 4:4-5*** “***Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?***” Are you willing to become an enemy of God just so you can be accepted by society? Are you willing to take a chance on eternity just so you can have the approval of some organization? Are you willing to compromise and forfeit everything spiritually just because you fear you won’t be asked to preach or sing by your fellowship circle?

In closing, to obtain true holiness, it must involve a cleansing of our flesh and our spirit. We cannot just say it’s a matter of the heart. We cannot just acknowledge holiness as a matter concerning the inward man. We must also realize the impact of what ***II Corinthians 6:17-18*** says, “***Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.***”

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Matthew 16:16-19, Mark 16:16-17, Luke 24:47,49, John 3:3-5, 7:37-39, Acts 1:8, 2:1-4, 10:44-48, 19:1-6, Galatians 1:8-9

What about water baptism in Jesus Name?

Luke 24:47, John 3:23, Acts 2:38-39, 4:12, 8:16,38-39, 10:48, 19:5, Romans 6:3-5, Colossians 2:9-12, 3:17

What about women's hair?

I Corinthians 11:15, John 12:3, 11:2

What about men's hair?

I Corinthians 11:14

What about women wearing apparel pertaining to a man and a man wearing apparel pertaining to a woman?

Deuteronomy 22:5

Does the Bible mention anything about

"painting of the face"? YES! JEZEBEL DID! WOULD YOU WANT TO PATTERN YOUR LIFE AFTER HER?

II Kings 9:30, Jeremiah 4:30, Ezekiel 23:40

What about modest apparel?

I Timothy 2:8-10, I Peter 3:1-5, Matthew 6:28, Isaiah 3:16-24

What about living holy and separation from the world?

Leviticus 11:44-45, Psalms 29:2, 93:5, 96:9, Luke 1:74-75, Romans 6:19-23, 12:1-2, I Corinthians 3:16-17, 7:1, Ephesians 1:4, Titus 2:14, Hebrews 12:14, James 1:27, I Peter 1:14-17, 2:9, II Peter 3:11-14, I John 2:15-16, 3:1-9, I Chronicles 16:29, II Chronicles 20:29, 31:18, Ephesians 4:24, I Thessalonians 3:13, 4:7, I Timothy 2:15, Titus 2:3

What about prayer for the sick?

Mark 16:16-18, James 5:14-15

What about raising hands?

Psalms 134:2, 141:2, Lamentations 3:41, I Timothy 2:8

What about singing, clapping of hands, shouting, and dancing?

II Samuel 6:14-16, Psalms 33:3, 47:1, 66:1, 81:1, 95:1, 98:4, 100:1, 149:3,5, I Corinthians 14:15, Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16

What about playing music?

II Samuel 6:5, I Chronicles 23:5, II Chronicles 7:6, 29:25, Psalms 68:25, 98:4-6, 150:3-6

What about praying together aloud?

Psalms 95:6, Luke 1:10, Acts 1:14, 4:24, 12:12, 21:5

What about testimonies?

Psalms 26:6-7, 66:16, 107:1-2, Revelation 12:11

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Sunday School	10:30 A.M
Sunday Evening.....	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Bible Study.....	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday Youth Service.....	7:00 P.M.

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