

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - A HOLY LIFE

HOLINESS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Praise the Lord, church! Today, we are continuing our sermon series, HOLY, HOLY, HOLY. In our first message, SEE THE KING, from Isaiah 6:1–8, we learned that God is holy. In our second message, BE HOLY, from 1 Peter 1:13–21, we learned that God calls His children to be holy. Today, we will consider how that holiness should be visible in our everyday lives.

What does holiness look like outside the church? How do we behave at home, at work, and in our relationships? Are we the same people on Monday that we appear to be on Sunday?

Holiness means being set apart for God. Because we belong to Him, our conduct should reflect His character. In Titus chapter 2, Paul explains how the gospel should shape the lives of believers of different ages and responsibilities. He also explains that God's grace is the foundation of our holy living.

1. LIVE ACCORDING TO GOD'S WORD

Titus 2:1–2

Paul begins by telling Titus to teach what is consistent with sound doctrine. This reminds us that Christian teaching and Christian living must agree.

Knowing Scripture is important, but our knowledge should produce obedience. We should not only hear God's Word; we should allow it to change our character.

Paul instructs older men to be self-controlled, worthy of respect, sensible, and sound in faith, love, and endurance.

Spiritual maturity is not simply about growing older or attending church for many years. It is about growing in faithfulness, patience, love, and obedience to God.

As Christians, we should ask whether our lives reflect what we believe. When we learn about forgiveness, do we forgive? When Scripture teaches honesty, are we truthful? When God calls us to humility, do we treat others with humility?

Application: Our conduct should agree with the biblical truth we profess.

2. SHOW HOLINESS IN YOUR HOME AND RELATIONSHIPS

Titus 2:3–6

Paul next addresses older women, younger women, and younger men. He emphasizes reverent behavior, kindness, love, purity, and self-control.

Older believers have an important responsibility to encourage younger believers. The church is a spiritual family where we should learn from one another.

Paul also speaks about family responsibilities. His instructions in Titus 2:4–5 should not be interpreted as a universal prohibition against women working outside the home. Scripture itself gives examples of women who participated in business and other responsibilities.

His emphasis is that Christian conduct, including our family relationships, should honor God's Word.

Sometimes we treat strangers more kindly than our own family members. We may speak respectfully at church but become impatient at home. Yet our homes are among the most important places where our Christian character is revealed.

Paul also emphasizes self-control, particularly when addressing younger men. Self-control is necessary for every believer. Our anger, desires, words, and decisions should increasingly come under the direction of God's Word.

Application: Holiness should be visible in our marriages, families, friendships, and everyday relationships.

3. BE AN EXAMPLE THROUGH YOUR CHARACTER AND CONDUCT

Titus 2:7–10

Paul tells Titus to be an example of good works, integrity, dignity, and sound speech.

This instruction is especially important for ministry leaders, but its principle challenges every believer. Our lives should support the message we proclaim. When we speak about Jesus Christ, people also observe our behavior.

Paul says that Titus should conduct himself so that opponents have no legitimate grounds to accuse him of wrongdoing. This does not mean Christians will never be criticized. Even Jesus was falsely accused. It means that we should seek to live with integrity and avoid behavior that brings dishonor to Christ.

Paul also addresses bondservants within the ancient social setting. We must distinguish that institution from modern employment, but the principles of honesty and faithfulness remain relevant to our daily responsibilities. At the end of verse 10, Paul says that believers' conduct should adorn the teaching about God our Savior.

Our good works do not make the gospel true, and they cannot save us. But godly conduct can help others recognize the beauty of the gospel.

Application: Whether at church, home, school, or work, our lives should point people toward Jesus Christ.

4. LET GOD'S GRACE TRAIN YOU TO LIVE HOLY

Titus 2:11–14

Now we come to the foundation of the entire chapter.

Paul says that God's grace has appeared, bringing salvation, and that this grace trains believers to reject ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensible, righteous, and godly lives.

This teaches us an important truth:

The grace that saves us also trains us to live holy lives.

We cannot earn salvation through our good works. Salvation is God's gift through Jesus Christ.

But God's grace does not give us permission to continue living in sin. Instead, His grace teaches us to turn away from sin and pursue righteousness.

Holiness involves both rejecting what dishonors God and practicing what pleases Him.

In verse 13, Paul reminds us of our blessed hope, the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ. We are called to live godly lives now while waiting for our Savior's return.

Then, in verse 14, Paul explains that Jesus gave Himself to redeem us from lawlessness and purify a people for His own possession, eager to do good works.

This connects directly with our understanding of holiness.

To be holy means to be set apart for God. Through Christ's redemption, we belong to Him. Therefore, our lives should reflect His character.

We are not saved by good works, but God's saving grace produces a desire for good works.

Application: Depend on God's grace and the Holy Spirit as you turn away from sin and grow in obedience to Christ.

WE BELONG TO A HOLY GOD

Church, throughout this series, we have been learning three connected truths.

God is holy. God calls His children to be holy. And God's grace teaches His people to live holy lives.

Today, Titus chapter 2 has reminded us that holiness is not limited to Sunday worship. It should be visible in our speech, relationships, responsibilities, and conduct.

Let us remember our four points: live according to God's Word, show holiness in our homes and relationships, be an example through our character and conduct, and let God's grace train us to live holy lives.

Above all, remember that Jesus Christ is the foundation of our holiness. He gave Himself to redeem us and purify a people who belong to Him.

We have been set apart for God and our everyday lives should show that we belong to Him.