

## The Church: Be Holy

1 Peter 1:13-16

*Because God is holy, He purposed (in eternity past) to make*

*His Church holy (for eternity future). Therefore, we must pursue holiness now.*

I. The holiness of \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex 15:11; 1 Sam 2:2)

II. The holiness of \_\_\_\_\_

A. \_\_\_\_\_ holiness (2 Cor 5:21)

B. \_\_\_\_\_ holiness (1 Pet 1:13-16)

1. By not \_\_\_\_\_ to former lusts  
(14; cf 4:3-4; Eph 4:17-18).

2. By \_\_\_\_\_ yourself in holiness  
(15-16; Lev 18:-20)

Neither the writer nor the reader of these words is qualified to appreciate the holiness of God. Quite literally a new channel must be cut through the desert of our minds to allow the sweet waters of truth that will heal our great sickness to flow in. We cannot grasp the true meaning of the divine holiness by thinking of someone or something very pure and then raising the concept to the highest degree we are capable of. God's holiness is not simply the best we know infinitely bettered. We know nothing like the divine holiness. It stands apart, unique, unapproachable, incomprehensible and unattainable. The natural man is blind to it. He may fear God's power and admire his wisdom, but His holiness he cannot even imagine. - A. W. Tozer

First and foremost, the doctrine of the holiness of God sits at the center of the grand narrative of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Without the holiness of God, there would be no moral law to which every human being is responsible.

Without the holiness of God, there would be no divine anger with sin. Without the holiness of God, there would be no perfect Son sent as an acceptable sacrifice for sin. Without the holiness of God, there would have been no vindication of the Resurrection. Without the holiness of God, there would be no final defeat of Satan. Without the holiness of God, there would be no hope of a new heaven and earth where holiness will reign over us and in us forever. - Paul Tripp