

The Holiness of God

Ephesians 4:22-24

Lesson 4: What is the Difference Between Righteousness and Holiness?



- * Righteousness and holiness are two words that describe states of _____ excellence. There is a slight difference between the two concepts:
 - * Holiness is “the _____ of being holy,” and the definition of holy is “dedicated or consecrated to God or a religious purpose; sacred” or “morally and spiritually excellent.”
 - * Righteousness is “the _____ of being morally right or just,” and the definition of righteous is “moral right living.”
- * So, righteousness is the condition of being proven or _____ morally excellent, while holiness is the condition of being consecrated or _____ to moral excellence.
- * Many people experience _____ and doubt that stem from the idea that we need to “clean ourselves up” or be “good enough” before we come to God.
- * The story of righteousness really starts with a man named _____ in the ancient city of Ur in Mesopotamia (Gen. 12:1–3, 15:1, 2-5, 6).
- * What was “morally excellent” or _____ about Abram believing God?
- * What about holiness? The Bible says that (Heb. 12:14, Luke 1:74, 1 Peter 1:15-16, Eph. 4:22-24).
- * Like righteousness, holiness is a _____ from God. The process of becoming holy is called _____, and God promises to complete His sanctification in us because of Christ’s work on the cross.
- * The writer of Hebrews explains _____ sanctification: “By [God’s] will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all,” and also alludes to _____ sanctification, speaking of “those who are being made holy” (Heb. 10:10, 14).
- * We are perfected and sanctified by one event: Christ’s substitutionary _____ on the cross for our sin. As we live our lives in Christ, our holiness increases as we _____ to the work of the Holy Spirit within us and follow this command: “Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose” (Phil. 2:12–13; Rom. 12:1–2; Heb. 12:1–2).