

The Holiness of God

1 Peter 1:15-16

Lesson 7: What Does it Mean When the Bible Says, “Be Holy as I Am Holy”?



- * Both the _____ and the _____ Testament stress the importance of cultivating _____ holiness in the life of every believer (1 Peter 1:15–16).
- * In Hebrew, the words translated “_____” and “_____” have to do with being “set apart,” “separate,” “different,” or “dedicated.”
- * Humans generally think of holiness as _____ God’s law. But, for God, holiness is not a mere action or a set of behaviors. Holiness is His essence. God is _____ and _____ perfect by nature.
- * The Bible reveals that God’s holiness of character is a _____ for believers’ lives and our shared communion with others (Lev. 19:2, 1 Peter 1:16).
- * In (Lev. 19:1–37), God applies the _____ to various areas of life, spelling out in great detail for the Israelites how to be holy as He is holy.
- * The commands continue, covering every aspect of _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____ life.
- * Peter also lays out how we can live in the light of God’s command to be holy as He is holy. First, he says to discipline our _____ (1 Peter 1:13). We are to exercise self-control and stay alert both _____ and _____.
- * “You must live as God’s _____ children,” says Peter, “Don’t slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires” (1 Peter 1:14). When we “do not _____ to the evil desires” we had before we came to know Christ, we live in response to God’s holiness, adopting His behavior as our pattern.
- * This change of behavior begins on the inside with our _____ and mind-set. When our _____ thought life, our purpose, and our character are changed into the image of Christ, our _____ selves and outworking behavior will alter naturally. This process is the Holy Spirit’s work of _____ (2 Cor. 3:18).
- * As part of his teaching on cultivating holiness, Peter instructs believers to “live out your time as foreigners here in _____” (1 Peter 1:17).
- * Finally, Peter makes the point that living in the light of God’s holiness means demonstrating “_____” as we love each other deeply with all our heart (1 Peter 1:22).

- * Believers ought to be remarkably _____ from non-believers and their old selves because of their relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
- * If we are _____ for God's use, separated from our old way of living, we are following God's command to "be holy for I am holy."