

“The Awe of God” – Part 3  
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## THE TRUTH

**So then, dear friends, since we have these promises, let us cleanse ourselves from every impurity of the flesh and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God. (2 Corinthians 7:1 CSB)**

Holiness means “SET APART for God.”

Holiness isn't about BEHAVIOR first – it's about BELONGING.

When God calls us to be holy, He's inviting us to REFLECT His nature – not just OBEY His rules.

## THE TEACHING

1. Positional Holiness is DECLARED, not EARNED. When you put your faith in Jesus, something happens that is LEGAL, SPIRITUAL, and PERMANENT.

**And some of you used to be like this. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:11 CSB)**

**He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:21 CSB)**

2. Behavioral holiness is how you LIVE this out.

**But as the one who called you is holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct . . . (1 Peter 1:15 CSB)**

Behavioral Holiness is a RESPONSE, not a REQUIREMENT.

## The Teaching (Cont.)

### 3. The Pursuit of Holiness

Why is Holiness so difficult?

- a. The FLESH
- b. The WORLD
- c. The ENEMY

Holiness is not SINLESSNESS, but DIRECTION.

## THE TRACTION

1. Remember that the FEAR of the Lord isn't about intimidation, it's about intimacy. Pursuing HOLINESS creates deeper INTIMACY with God.

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. (Matthew 5:8 CSB)**

2. Recognize that Holiness creates greater freedom. Every NO to sin is a YES to something better.

3. Rejoice that Holiness increases SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY.

**Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect. (James 5:16 CSB)**

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