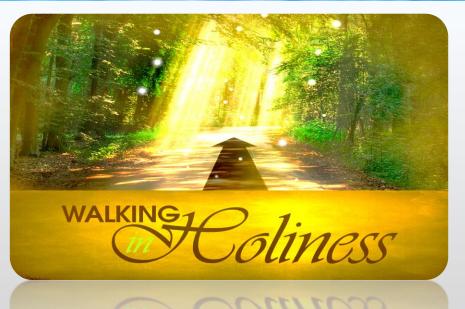


Welcome to Rehoboth New Life Center Sunday October 6th 2019

#### PART 1: Walking with God, a Lifestyle



2 Corinthians 7:1 ¶Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.



- Part 1: Walking with God, A New Lifestyle.
- Part 2: Called To Holiness
- Part 3: Perfecting Holiness
- Part 4: Seeking Holiness

### Holiness

#### Pursuing Holiness

#### Qodesh

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#### The KJV Old Testament Hebrew Lexicon

Strong's Number: 06944 Original Word Word Origin from (06942) קרש Transliterated Word TDNT Entry Qodesh Phonetic Spelling ko'-desh 📣

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#### Definition

- apartness, holiness, sacredness, separateness a. apartness, sacredness, holiness 1 of God
  - of places
  - 3. of things
  - b. set-apartness, separateness

King James Word Usage - Total: 468

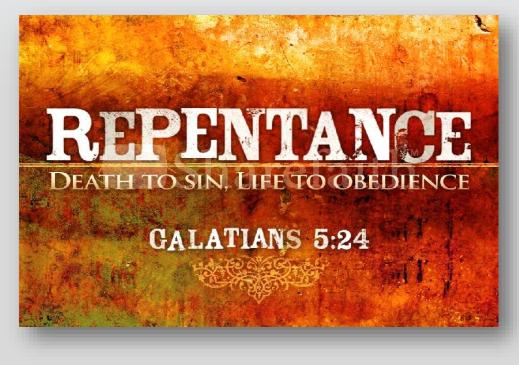
holy 262, sanctuary 68, (holy, hallowed,...) things 52, most 44, holiness 30, dedicated 5, hallowed 3, consecrated 1, miscellaneous 3

Leviticus 11:44 For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Psalms 29:2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

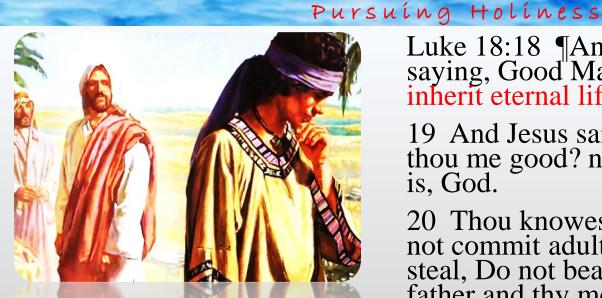
### **Repentance: A Beginning**

- Grace provides for forgiveness
- Godly sorrow brings Repentance
- Repentance allows us to receive that forgiveness
- True repentance leads to changes in actions



- Acts 2:37 ¶Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?
- 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,

### How Much Do We Love God?



#### True Holiness Requires Sacrifice:

- Sometimes Friends
- Sometimes Family
- Sometimes Finances
- Sometimes Desires
- Sometimes Ambition

Luke 18:18 ¶And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?

19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good, save one, that is, God.

20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother.

21 And he said, All these have I kept from my youth up.

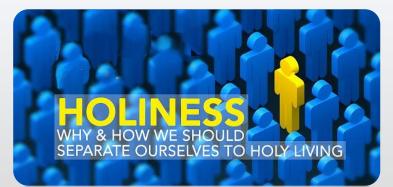
22 Now when Jesus heard these things, he said unto him, Yet lackest thou one thing: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me.

23 And when he heard this, he was very sorrowful: for he was very rich.

### Don't tell me what to do!

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## Don't tell me how to live my life!



1 Thessalonians 4:1 ¶Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

2 For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus.

3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:

7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

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1 Thessalonians 4:1 As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more

2 For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

3. It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality;

4. That each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable,

5. Not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God;

6. And that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before.

7 For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

### Holiness: Walking With God

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Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed? Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

### In this world...But not of this world



Romans 1:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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John 17:12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 ¶Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

#### **Holiness: Separation**

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1 Timothy 2:9 In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; 1 Peter 3:3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel;

1 Corinthians 11:7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

We should honor God by how we dress when we come to his house

## Holiness: Attention to God

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## Not attention from men/women



2 Kings 9:30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

Psalms 29:2 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

#### Holiness: Our Witness

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## It does matter what others think!

# The Call to HOLINESS

Pursuing the Heart of God for the Love of the World

Proverbs 22:1 ¶A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold. • 1 Timothy 3:7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

• 7 He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap. (NIV)

### Doctrine, Traditions, & Guidelines

# • Traditions: Outward works, Justify us before men

# • Faith: A sincere heart, justifies us before God

## **Categories of teaching**

- Doctrine : Unchangeable Salvation Requirements
  - Repentance, Baptism of water and spirit, Walking on in holiness to conform to the image of Christ.
- Traditions(culture): Some good, Some bad
  - Those that minister to the salvation of people who are weaker in faith so that our witness may be justified before men
- Guidelines: As taught by the pastor
  - Ordinances consistent with a Christian witness and to increase the respect and witness of the church in the community

# So why do different pastors have different "ordinances"

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• 1 Corinthians 12:5 And there are *differences of administrations*, but the same Lord.

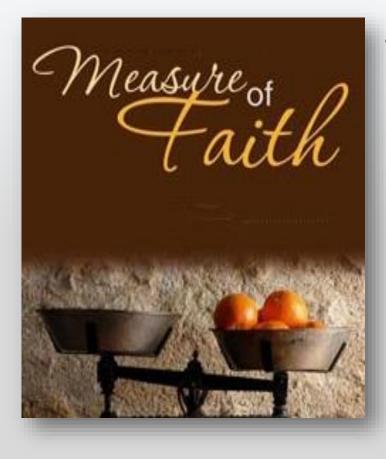
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#### The reason is the amount of Faith!

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 Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as *God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.*



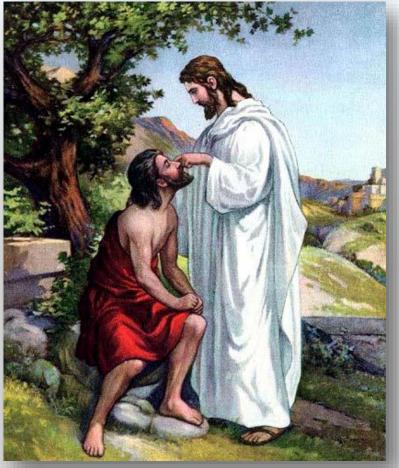
1 Corinthians 8:4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that

there is none other God but one. 5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and lords many,)

- 6 But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him.
- 7 **Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge:** for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled.
- 8 But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse.

- 9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak.
- 10 For if any *man see thee which hast knowledge* sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;
- 11 And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died?

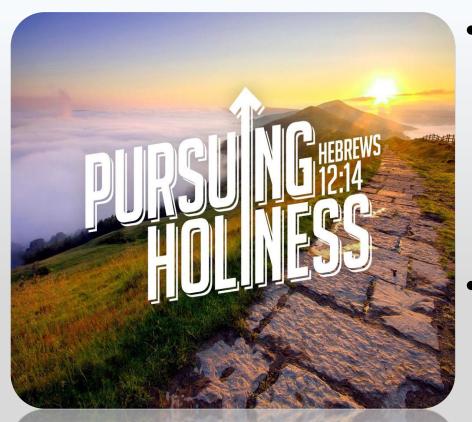
## Some need more, to see!



- Mark 8:22 ¶And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him.
- 23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.
- 24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking.
- 25 After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

### Pursuing Holiness, Not Self Righteousness!

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Hebrews 12:14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

- 2 Corinthians 7:1 ¶Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
- Titus 2:3 The aged women likewise, that they **be in behaviour as becometh holiness**, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

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#### WHAT IS HOLINESS?

Holiness is closer following of Jesus

Ephesians 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

- Thessalonians 4:4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;
- 5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:
- 6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.
- 7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

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#### Leviticus 20:26

'Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy; and I have set you apart from the peoples

to be Mine

1 Peter 1:15

but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;

#### **Pastors Guidelines for the Platform**

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• Goal to be an example and promote a positive appearance to visitors and to project leadership

#### •Men: Dress, business casual:

- Ties or turtleneck if you are going to speak
- No Jeans, No piercings, Modest apparel, No long hair No chains, or visible necklaces. No dyeing of hair in unnatural colors, No makeup except for medical purposes (No makeup that draws attention, unnatural lip color etc)

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### • Women: Dress, business casual:

- Skirts or dresses, that when seated , still cover below the knee.
- Slits must not come above the knee, No cleavage, sleeves to at least the mid elbow. No transparent tops,
- no nose rings or lip or brow piercings. Modest apparel, No dyeing of hair in unnatural colors, No makeup that draws undue attention, unnatural lip colors, extravagant rouged cheeks etc

### **Expectations of Leadership**

- Baptized in Jesus name
- Filled with the Holy Ghost
- Faithful in attendance Punctual at least 15 min before service
- Tithing 10%
- Consecrated walk of prayer and fasting
- No smoking
- No drunkenness
- Modest clothing on and off platform
- Attend events/ support church activities
- Attend scheduled leadership meetings with pastor

### **Pastoral Guidelines for Service**

- Be on time, or better still come early and pray
- If late don't come in and fellowship
- No calling during official service times unless its an emergency
- Testimony is about God, what God has done for you.