

## HOLINESS

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Holiness is not a popular word today. As I stated Wednesday night, too many “Christians” are embracing Christian freedom while neglecting the pursuit of Christian virtue. Most people want to do what they want to do without any thought about what God would have them do. Our lives are to be lived for Him, not for us.

God wants us to live a life of holiness.

Lev 11:45 For I am the LORD that bring you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

1 Chron 16:29 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

True holiness is beautiful. It’s not based on a list of rules and regulations; rather it comes from a relationship that we have with a Holy God.

Only once in Scripture is a characteristic of God mentioned three times in succession. It never says that God is love, love, love or powerful, powerful, powerful, but it does say that He is holy, holy, holy.

Implicit in the word “holy” is the idea of moral excellence, goodness and purity and it’s not only a characteristic of God, it should also be a characteristic of each of us as well.

1 Peter 1:15-16 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Holiness is serious to God and anything that is serious to Him, should be serious to us as well.

Eph 5:27 tells us that God is coming back for a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

That’s the kind of church I want to be a part of; that’s the kind of life I want to live.