



“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.”

Hebrews 13:8

I AM Holy

God is holy. He is unique, distinct, different and set apart from everyone and everything else. He is purely love and purely moral, with absolutely no evil in His character. He is altogether righteous and good. There is no one like Him!

When Isaiah saw God in all His glory and holiness, he was distraught by his own sinfulness. He said, “It’s all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.” (Isaiah 6:5 NLT) Isaiah saw the stark contrast between his humanity and the supreme holiness of God. Yet God did not leave Isaiah in that place of despair, but cleansed his lips and commissioned him for service.

The same is true for you and me, we are far from holy. When we see the stark contrast between our humanity and His holiness, we see our absolute need for salvation. We can either run and hide, or we can turn towards the One who paid the price to make us holy. Through faith in Jesus Christ, we are justified: made holy in the sight of a holy God; clean, pure and spotless. Then we begin the process of sanctification, where our lives are changed more and more into the image of Jesus. Through the word of God and His Holy Spirit, we begin to hate evil and desire what is good and righteous. We learn how to walk in progressive, personal holiness. Our lives begin to reflect the holiness of the Holy God we serve.

“Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.” (2 Corinthians 7:1 NLT)

What things do you need to cleanse yourself from? Which activities actually hinder your walk with God, rather than help you walk in progressive holiness? Don’t allow anything to come between you and a holy God. Live a lifestyle of repentance. Let the word of God read you. Cooperate with the Holy Spirit. Cultivate a life of love for God and others, for in this all the commandments are fully met (Matthew 22:37-40).

“So you must live as God’s obedient children. Don’t slip back into your old ways of living to satisfy your own desires. You didn’t know any better then. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. For the Scriptures say, ‘You must be holy because I am holy.’” (1 Peter 1:14-16 NLT)

Additional Scripture:

Leviticus 11:44-45, 20:26 • Deuteronomy 23:14 • Isaiah 6:1-9
2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 • Ephesians 5:1-21

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