

HOLY AND ACCEPTABLE

By Kenneth Magwood Jr

Holy means something or someone dedicated to the service of a God. We must be holy to please God. "But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy.' " (1 Peter 1:15-16, ESV).

What does holiness look like? An answer is illustrated by the Israelites who were required to know in order to fulfil Leviticus 19:1-2, KJV: "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saving, "Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy."" Israel was expected to know how to "distinguish between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean" (Leviticus 10:10). How could they possibly know what was holy? God told them holiness was conditional to obedience. "The Lord will establish you as a holy people to Himself, just as He has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in His ways" (Deuteronomy 28:9, NKJV).

We can see holiness via obedience or the lack thereof, disobedience. Consider Deuteronomy 18:10. God commanded Israel to refrain from offering their children as sacrifices by fire. "There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering." Israel violated this command. In 2 Kings 17:9, 17, ESV "And the people of Israel did secretly against the LORD their God things

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that were not right..." "And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings..."

One cannot be holy and do the devil's work.

"I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:1-2, ESV)

We distinguish between what is holy and acceptable to God from that which is not by the transformation of a renewed mind found in the teachings of Christ Jesus.

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February TV Broadcast Schedule

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Sermon #1081 Second Mile Christianity

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Sermon #1084 The Parable of the Sower ... you have heard about him and were taught in him, as the truth is in Jesus, to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:21-24, ESV)

We must be holy because Christ demands us to be. We determine holiness by what Christ commands. By obeying His commands, we do the righteous acts associated with them. Individual who are serious about pleasing God will learn and grow in the teachings of Christ so that their minds may be renewed and meet Christ's expectation to be holy and acceptable.

Upcoming Gospel Meetings

February 17-19 CHURCH OF CHRIST in Frisco

9201 North County Road Frisco, TX Speaker: Jerry Dickinson 7:30 pm (17th) 6:00 pm (18th) 10:30 am & 1:30 PM (19th)

February 24-26 Bankhead Drive CHURCH OF CHRIST

2610 East Bankhead Drive Weatherford, TX Speaker: Randy Tidmore 7:30 pm (24th) 6:00 pm (25th) 10:30 am & 2:00 PM (26th)



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