

“Holy, Holy, Holy”  
(I Peter 1:1-16; Heb 10:10-25)

To “be holy” as God is holy is to be one with Jesus Christ as He does the will of God (Heb 10:9). We have been made one with the Holy One. We have entered into the Holiest. Now, we are issued a command invitation to live out of that holy oneness. The New Testament is clear and simple on this – “we have been sanctified... once and for all.” (Heb 10:10) Set apart for God’s uncommon purposes, made partakers of His holy character. (Eph 1:4; II Pet 1:3,4) And He is “perfecting for all time those who are sanctified.” (Heb 10:14)

“Therefore: (Heb 10:19)

...we have confidence and boldness to live out life in the presence of our Holy God (Heb 10:19-21).

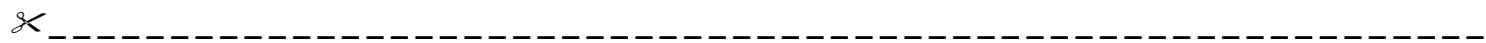
...we may fearlessly draw near to be fully at home in Him (Heb 10:22).

(An un-holy sinner could never do this; only a holy saint can dare such things!)

We are free to do life – live and move and have our being – from the Holy of Holies. No longer confined to the “outer courts”, we are called to come out of all self-generated growth activity into a “growth that comes from (Holy) God” (Col 2:19). We are called out of lukewarm, spectatorish, religious activity into the passionate, responsive, righteous activities of Holy, Holy, Holy, God. We may be “fully assured” (Heb 10:22) that Jesus Christ in us is more than enough for “all our behavior” (I Pet 1:15) to be expressed in holy fashion.

For example, in a manner that realizes His holy sacrifice was adequate to cover all our sins (Heb 10:22). (Preoccupation with “sins” denies the efficiency of His holy, saving activity.) Or, perhaps, in full agreement with His unwavering reliability to be our needs met (Heb 10:23). (Preoccupation with our “needs” may be displaying a focus set more on common things below than on uncommon things above.) God’s holiness at work through us shifts our hearts and minds away from self-interest and onto the interests and needs of others. (Heb 10:24) (Preoccupation with “self-satisfaction” rather than the edification of others often betrays a loss a focus upon the Holy One Who is for others) God’s holy passion for oneness consistently compels us into the community of saints so we may take what He has freely and fully given us and put it into the service of one another. (Heb 10:25) (Any preoccupation with self-preserving isolation pulls us back into a self-for-selfness that is incongruent with the Holy One Who came to us while at our worst).

Thus, the only (logical) response to “Be holy as I am Holy” is that of “obedient children” (I Pet 1:14)... “Yes, Sir. May it be done to me according to Your word!”



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### Praise Reports & Prayer Requests

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### 7 Things People Often Learn Too Late (Or Never!)

- 1) Our thoughts and feelings are not always accurate indicators of reality - only God's Truth frees us to live in God's Reality.
- 2) We overestimate how much others notice, care, or remember about us - most are too busy noticing, caring, or thinking about themselves.
- 3) Saying "NO" is a skill that can be learned - identify and live by God-given priorities and live a God-ordered life.
- 4) Our fantasies and wishful thinking are not going to deliver us - only our responsive and dependent choices of faith will do that.
- 5) Avoiding conflict and discomfort only makes life more conflicted and uncomfortable - such trials are mostly God's necessary agents to keep us humbly dependent upon Him.
- 6) We can move beyond difficult and hurtful people without demonizing them- praying for and blessing adversaries keeps us free so God may bring fresh, transformative revelation to our lives.
- 7) Seeking God first (with nothing else second or third) assures us we have what we need - what we do not have in hand we must not immediately need.

Let's all learn something new this month!  
Steve

### Calendar

#### JUNE

- 9 Alachua Study
- 28 First Baptist Alachua
- 30 Ocala Study

#### JULY





- 10-12 Waymart, PA (mikeqdaniel.com)

#### AUGUST

- 14-16 Catch the Fire Church, Myrtle Beach, SC  
(contact: [myrtlebeach@catchthefire.com](mailto:myrtlebeach@catchthefire.com))

- SEPTEMBER 27 – October 2 Buena Vista, CO (full)

### Praise & Prayer

-  Praise to God for an open invitation into His Holy, Holy, Holy Life
-  Thanks for our Resident Reminder and Indwelling Guide
-  To be shifted from (unholy) self-interest to (holy) other interest
-  To live with endurance and contentment in the assurance that Christ is our needs met