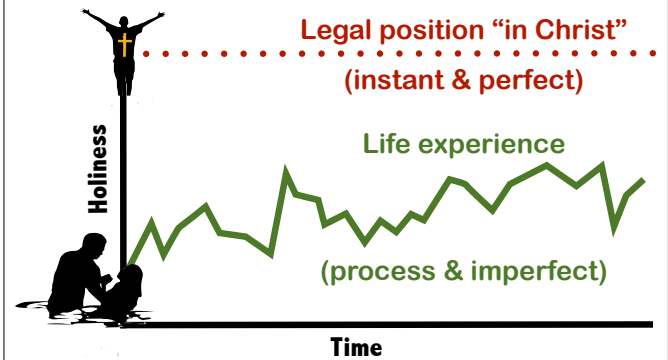


Holiness means
set apart for a noble purpose

Saint Holy Sacred
Sanctified

Two aspects of Christian Holiness



Ephesians 2:8-9

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that **not of yourselves**, it is a gift of God; **not as a result of works**, that no one should boast.”

Ephesians 2:10

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

A common misunderstanding of Biblical holiness

Failing to distinguish Positional and Practiced holiness

Positional holiness makes us fit for heaven.

Practiced holiness makes us fit for earth.

Dangers of Failing to respect Positional holiness

Pride
Anxiety
Legalism
Isolationism

Dangers of Failing to respect Practiced holiness

Judgement
Irrelevance
Selfishness
Lawlessness

John 17

“15 I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. 16 **They are not of the world**, even as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. 18 As You sent Me into the world, **I also have sent them into the world**. 19 For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. 20 “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word;”

Holiness calls us to be in the world but not of the world.

Practiced holiness is

the image of God
as seen in the life of Christ
and normally displayed
in and through the believer
by the enabling of the Holy Spirit
in response to God's Word and the
world.

Practiced holiness is
the image of God

Holiness is Godliness
(Stewards of Creation)



Restoration of
Adam's role as
God's steward

Genesis 1

Genesis 2

The position of God & man in the creation	The role of Man in his environment
Elohim - creator	YAHWEH - covenanter
Hierarchical order	Relational bonds and their responsibilities
Correcting pagan views of reality and morality	

The purpose of Gen. 1 & 2 was theological and apologetical not scientific or historical.

Genesis 2

Key relational responsibilities of man
as God's image bearer



vs. 4-15
Social
(environment)



vs. 16-17
Spiritual
(authority)



vs. 18-25
Sexual
(family)

Three pillars of Worldliness

1 John 2

"¹⁵ Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the **lust of the flesh** and the **lust of the eyes** and the **boastful pride of life**, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever."

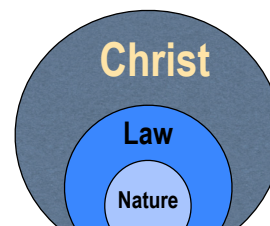
Lust of the flesh - sensual gratification (sexual)

Lust of the eye - material obsession (social)

Pride of life - spiritual sovereignty (spiritual)

Practiced holiness is
the image of God

as seen in the life of Christ Jesus
Holiness is Christ
(in but not of the world)



Not law centered
but Christ centered.

Practiced holiness is
the image of God as seen in the life of Christ
and normally displayed
in and through the believer
Holiness is a free rational
response of worship.



Not denial of true self
but being true to
authentic self.

old person in the flesh new person in Christ
obedience

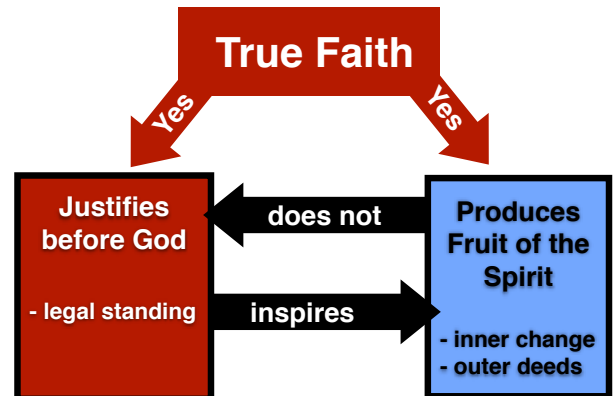
outside God's covenant "in Christ" by faith
baptism

animal life human spirit
creation

Three spheres of holiness

*Is practiced holiness
inherent in the believer?*

necessary ?	normal
required for salvation	not required for salvation
notarizing true justifying faith	freely offered as a rational response
Imperfect but authentic	



Ephesians 4

“²² that, in reference to your former manner of life, you **lay aside the old self**, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, ²³ and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and **put on the new self**, which in *the likeness of* God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.”

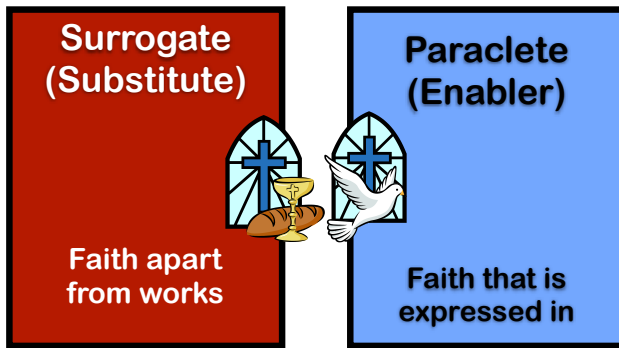
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by the enabling of the Holy Spirit
Holiness is the work of the Spirit
of Christ in and through us.



Not a surrogate
but an enabler /
encourager.

**Don't confuse the ministry of the Cross
with the ministry of the Spirit.**



Practiced holiness is

the image of God as seen in the life of Christ and normally
displayed in and through the believer by the enabling of the Holy
Spirit

**in response to God's Word
and the world**

Holiness is a Godly response to life.



**The Spirit anoints
people
not circumstances.**

Colossians 3:16

“Let **the word of Christ**
richly dwell within you, with
all wisdom teaching and
admonishing one another
with psalms and hymns and
spiritual songs, singing with
thankfulness in your hearts
to God.”

Love - 1 Corinthians 13

“4 Love is **patient**, love is kind *and* is not
jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant,
5 does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek
its own, is **not provoked**, **does not take into
account a wrong suffered**, 6 does not rejoice in
unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 7
**bears all things, believes all things, hopes all
things, endures all things.**”

Fruit of the Spirit - Galatians 5

“22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**,
patience, **kindness**, goodness, faithfulness, 23
gentleness, self-control;”

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world.**