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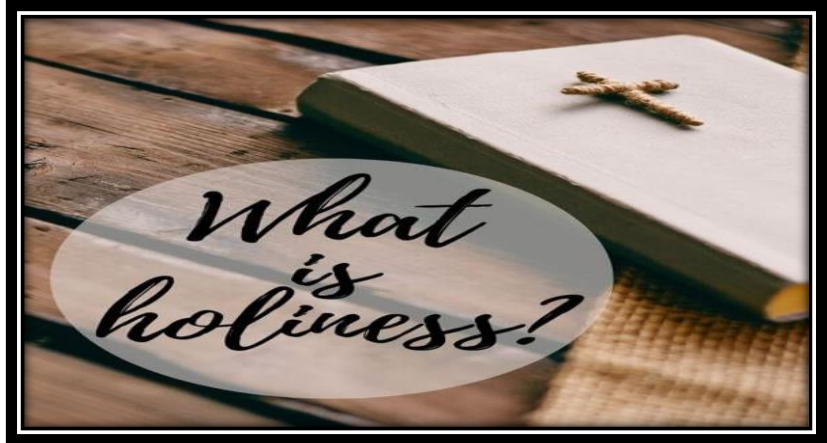
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What is Holiness?

Holiness is woven through the Bible's storyline. And the Bible fundamentally equates holiness with God.

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"Holiness" is commonly defined as being separate or set apart. God is holy in that he is set apart from everything that is not God, and God's people must be holy by being set apart from sin. Holiness according to this definition is separateness that entails moral purity. Beyond that, how do we describe the essence of holiness and distinguish different senses in which people and things can be holy? And while only God is holy there is also a sense in which others can be holy.

God Is Holy

"Holy" in its most focused usage is an adjective uniquely associated with God such as in the Bible verse, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty" (Isaiah 6:3; Revelation 4:8). Surely this loses something if rendered "Separate, separate, separate" or "Moral, moral, moral." Saying "God is holy" is like saying "God is uniquely God" or "God alone is God."

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“To lead the orchestra you must turn your back on the crowd.”

Reminders

February 22nd-April 6th
Lent Season

March 18th

Men's Bible Study – 8:00 a.m.

March 19th

NO

Youth, Jr/Sr Sunday School

Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

HS Youth Group – 7:00 p.m.

Men's Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall-All Men Welcome

March 22nd

Study with Pastor David - Noon

Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.

Choir – 6:45 p.m.

March 23rd

T.O.P.S. – 5:30 p.m.

****Worship Assistants are needed
for March 26th**

**** Fellowship Volunteers needed
sign-up in Fellowship Hall**



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In this context, the word “holy” becomes almost an adjective for God. That God swears by his holiness (Psalm 89:35; Amos 4:2) is like saying that he swears “by himself.”

God is supremely and exclusively God. He has no rivals. As uniquely excellent, he is his own category – “There is no one holy like the Lord; there is no one besides you” (1 Samuel 2:2). The Bible calls God “the Holy One” over 50 times and calls the Spirit of God “the Holy Spirit” over 90 times.

People and Objects Are Holy in Relation to God

While God alone is innately holy and His name is holy, the use of the word “holy” stretches out in widening circles to apply to people and things. If human beings or things are holy, they are holy only derivatively – not because they are divine or moral but because God restricts them for his special use. Everything belongs to God, but in a narrower sense, some things and people belong exclusively to God in a special way. For example, heaven – God’s dwelling place – is holy (Deuteronomy 26:15). God also refers to angels as his “holy ones” (Psalm 89:5 – 7) and “the holy angels” (Mark 8:38).

Israel Was Responsible to Be Holy

God commanded Israel, “You are to be my holy people” and “You are to be holy to me because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own” (Exodus 22:31; Leviticus 20:26). Israel was responsible to regard God as holy by obeying his commands regarding rituals and morality. They were to keep God’s Sabbaths holy and the priests were to “distinguish between the holy and the common, between the unclean and the clean” (Leviticus 10:10). But because Israel continually profaned their holy God who judges unholy people, God graciously met the need of sinful humans with a holy Savior.

Holiness Embodied and Accomplished: Jesus

Who can stand in the presence of the Lord, this holy God? Only one can stand on his own merits: Jesus. He is holy and true (Revelation 3:7; 6:10). Jesus is the one whom the Father set apart as his very own (John 10:36). The angel Gabriel announced to Mary, “The holy one to be born will be called the Son of God” (Luke 1:35) and an unclean demon recognized Jesus as “the Holy One of God” (Luke 4:34).

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“A calm sea does not make a skilled sailor.”

Volunteers Needed



Church Office Hours

**** Children & Jr.-Sr. High**
Sunday School 10:15
Questers (Adults) 10:30

****Chancel Choir –**
 Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
 Sunday 8:30 a.m.

The front door to the church will be unlocked during office hours and closed only for errands and lunch.

Monday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Tuesday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Wednesday
CLOSED

Thursday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Friday
 9:00-11:00
 12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in advance if you need in the church to make sure someone is in the office. If you reach the answering machine please leave your name, number, and a brief message and your call will be returned. Calls after 2:00 p.m. may be returned the next business day.



How big was the city that Jonah was sent to?

- a) 7-hour journey wide
- b) 3-day journey wide
- c) 10 days journey wide
- d) 40 days journey wide

Toward whom did King Ahasuerus hold out his golden sceptre?

- a) Esther
- b) Judith
- c) Daniel
- d) Joseph

Who was blind but still killed many with his death?

- a) Samson
- b) Bartimaeus
- c) Eli
- d) David

Check page 4 for answers from the previous week.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



19th – Chase Hiser

20th – Chris DeLong, Elliott Lundgren

23rd – Connie Andersen, Susan Foster

25th – Ann O’Hara, Ed & Nancee Bonefas

****See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church**

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Services are now on our Youtube
channel only.

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***Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford**

Call to Worship

Leader: What does it mean to love God?

People: To follow in God's ways and love others

L: We are a people that live that gospel

P: We are a people who do no harm

L: We are a people who do good

P: We are a people who love God

"The People of God Who Love God"

Old Testament Reading:

New Testament Reading:

Gospel Reading: John 1 5:1-4

Songs

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name #154

You Are My All in All #3040

Cry of My Heart #2165

O How I Love Jesus #170

Last Week's Attendance

In-Person Worship - 61

Online Worship – 18

Our Mission:

"Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love."

Our Vision:

"We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world."

**Answers for March 12th are a) David b) two d) All of the above
Quiz hints – Q1) Jonah Q2) Esther Q3) Judges**

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Jesus made unclean people clean by touching them, and he never became unclean because he is inherently holy. Peter called Jesus “the Holy One of God” (John 6:69), “the Holy and Righteous One” (Acts 3:14), and God’s “holy servant” (Acts 4:27,30).

Jesus Makes People Holy

Jesus is both the Holy One and the one who makes people holy (Hebrews 2:11). He is our righteousness, holiness, and redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30). His perfect life and sacrificial death satisfied God’s holy wrath against sinners: We have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:10).

To serve in God’s presence, Old Testament priests were made holy by a consecration ritual involving atonement, purification, and eating a special meal. These same elements also underlie the Passover ritual, by which God consecrated Israel as a holy nation. This pattern continues in the New Testament. Jesus brings about a new exodus that consecrates believers as holy. God is uniquely present in the church, composed of both Jewish and Gentile Christians because it is a holy temple in the Lord (1 Corinthians 3:17). God has chosen Christians to be a holy priesthood, a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and God’s special possession (1 Peter 2:5,9).

Christians Are Holy

When the Bible refers to Christians as “holy” or “sanctified,” it usually refers to definitive or positional sanctification, not progressive sanctification. In this sense, every Christian is a saint; every Christian is holy; every Christian is sanctified. For example, Paul addresses the church at Corinth as “those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people” (1 Corinthians 1:2). They were already “sanctified” even though they were failing to be holy in several areas.

Christians are Responsible to Be Holy

God commands Christians, “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, quoting Leviticus 11:44 – 45). Christians must worship God by offering their “bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God” (Romans 12:1). Since Christians belong exclusively to God, they must reflect God’s moral character with holy and godly lives. “It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable . . . For God did not call us to be impure but to live a holy life” (1 Thessalonians 4:3 – 4,7).

Holiness Consummated: Glory

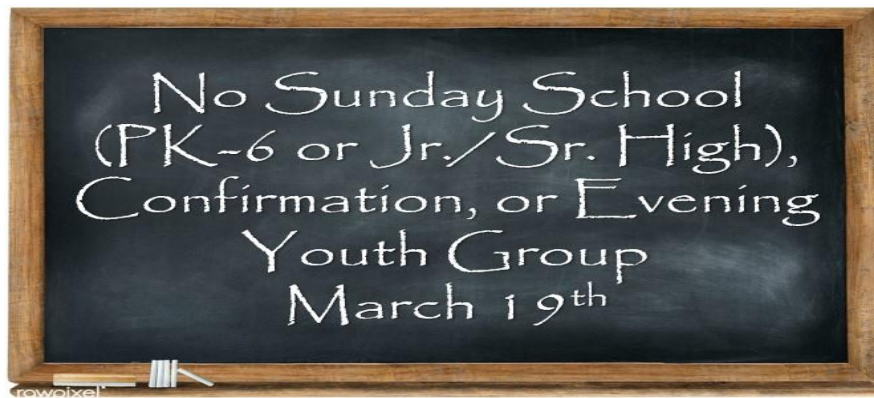
Paul prayed, “May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones” (1 Thessalonians 3:13). A day is coming when Christians will fully become what they already are positionally. The Old Testament anticipates the time when all of God’s people “will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord” (Isaiah 62:12).

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Before God created the world, he chose his people in Christ to be holy and blameless in his sight. (Ephesians 1:4). With pure hearts God's people will worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness (1 Chronicles 16:29) like never before, joining the heavenly hosts who never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty," who was, and is, and is to come. (Revelation 4:8).

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This is the last weekend for Arsenic & Old Lace, so if you are looking for something to do this weekend check out this show at our community theatre, Park Playhouse. Cast members include some of our members, Pastor David, Mace Hensen, and Mike Peterson, and directed by Jeff Hiser. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday, and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday each weekend. Ticket prices are \$17 for adults, \$15 for seniors, 60+, and \$10 for students through 12th grade. Season tickets can be used for this

production. Call 712-246-1061 or email switg@switg.org





Invitation to meet Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai

All churches, clergy, and laity of the Aldersgate District are encouraged to come to meet our new Bishop, Saturday, March 18th, 2-5 pm at the Corning United Methodist Church, 901 Nodaway St. Corning, IA. This is a "Come-and-Go" event with refreshments provided.



Current Community Food Pantry Needs:

Powdered Milk (packets), Pineapple, Mandarin Oranges, Cinnamon Applesauce, Jelly, Cake, Brownie and Muffin Mixes, Rice and Dried Beans, Green Beans, Corn, Salt, Pepper, Ketchup, Mustard
Microwave Popcorn,
Shampoo and Conditioner,
Toilet Paper



Join us as we journey with Jesus to the cross and beyond. During Holy Week, we will have prayer stations set up in the Church for you to come and prayerfully experience The Way of the Cross (more info and specific times to follow).

- April 2 - Palm Sunday (with Communion)
- April 5 - Midweek Bible Study: What it Means to Take up Your Cross
- April 7 - Good Friday Service (6 pm)
- April 9 - Easter Sunday

Methodist Minute: Taking the Church Outdoors

During John Wesley's time, the Church of England was often very strict about when and where church services could be held. Even John Wesley had commented in his journal that he was so fixed on order in the church "that I should have thought the saving of souls almost a sin if it were not done in church."



Inspired by the preaching of George Whitefield, one of the early Methodists, Wesley began preaching outside the church walls, in the streets, and in the fields, reaching the poor and working classes; those whom the Church of England alienated.

Wesley's outdoor preaching was not always well-received, and he faced significant opposition from some members of the established church. However, he persisted, and his outdoor sermons became a hallmark of the Methodist movement.

One of the most famous instances of Wesley's outdoor preaching was the sermon he delivered to a crowd of miners in Kingswood, England, in 1739. These miners were considered to be some of the lowest members of society, and many of them were illiterate. However, Wesley recognized that they were in need of the gospel just as much as anyone else.

So, he began preaching to them in the open air, standing on a hillside overlooking the mines. Initially, the miners were skeptical, but Wesley's powerful preaching soon won them over, and many of them were converted to Christianity as a result.

Wesley's outdoor preaching was not limited to England, either. He traveled extensively throughout the British Isles, and his sermons could be heard in fields, town squares, and even on the decks of ships.

In many ways, Wesley's outdoor preaching set the stage for the modern-day concept of evangelism. His willingness to take the gospel message to those who were considered "outcasts" or "undesirable" by society paved the way for others to do the same.

Grace and peace,
Pastor David B. Clark
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