

Text: 1 Corinthians 5:6-8
Topic: Holiness. Sin.
Study: First Corinthians
Week: 22
Series: 3 of 4

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HOLINESS

part 3

Why Being Holy Is Such a Big Deal



1. Be Holy

...Because _____ (v.6)

2. Be Holy

...Because _____ (v.7a)

3. Be Holy

...Because _____ (vv.7b-8)

1 Cor. 5:6-8

⁶ Your boasting is not good. Don't you know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough? ⁷ Get rid of the old yeast that you may be a new batch without yeast—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.

⁸ Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old yeast, the yeast of malice and wickedness, but with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Read Galatians 6:7-9 (and Numbers 32:23 and 1 Timothy 5:24-25). Describe a situation where the negative reality of these verses has been experienced in your life.

How can recalling the personal and corporate consequences of sin help you fight your current temptations? What is at stake if you were to give in to (or to continue in) the unholy behavior that has been tempting you lately?

2. David Needham asks a probing question: "Could it be [that we are] failing to be what we should be, because we cannot stop being what we think we are?" (*Alive for the First Time*, p.10). To what degree would you say you have studied and pondered what the Bible teaches about your "rewiring" in Christ? In what way have you minimized the radical and profound work of regeneration (being born again)?

Often Christians live as "defeated sinners" because they fail to understand their new birth and fail to utilize the resources we have as God's children. How would you counsel a Christian friend who continually lives *and thinks* like a defeated and helpless sinner?

3. How does the price that Jesus paid on the cross help you in your quest to live a holy life?
4. How will you keep these (and other) biblical reasons for being holy in the forefront of your mind as you live out your Christian life at home and at work?

We are reading through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Ex.3-4 & Mt.26

Monday

Ex.5-6 & Mt.27

Tuesday

Ex.7-8 & Mt.28

Wednesday

Ex.9-10 & Mk.1

Thursday

Ex.11-12 & Mk.2

Friday

Ex.13-14 & Mk.3

Saturday

Ex.15-16 & Mk.4

Here are some resources to help you understand and pursue a holy life.

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