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GOD IS ONE
JESUS IS LORD
BAPTISM IS IN
JESUS' NAME
BY THE HOLY GHOST
SPEAKING IN TONGUES
IS THE EVIDENCE
1 CORINTHIANS 8:6

ACTS 2:38

THEN PETER SAID UNTO THEM,
REPENT, AND BE BAPTIZED EVERY ONE OF YOU
IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR
THE REMISSION OF SINS,
AND YE SHALL RECEIVE
THE GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

TAKING THE GOSPEL
TO THE WORLD
PREACHING SALVATION
THROUGH CHRIST ALONE

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EPHESIANS 4:5



BAPTIZED
IN JESUS' NAME



FILLED
WITH THE HOLY GHOST



SPEAKING
IN TONGUES

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THE *Message* OF ACTS 2:38



A SHORT BOOKLET

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WITH THE

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OF

Faith

SPEAKING THE
WORD OF GOD
THROUGH THE POWER OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT

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SPEAKING

LEARNING FROM JESUS,
PETER, AND PAUL TO
SPEAK GOD'S WORD
WITH FAITH, AUTHORITY,
AND THE POWER OF
THE HOLY GHOST

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I BELIEVED, AND THEREFORE I SPOKE... 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13

Purpose: To help you understand and practice speaking the word of faith in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues — learning from Jesus, Peter and Paul — and to give Scripture, prayer patterns, and exercises to grow in faith-filled speaking.

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Introduction

“Speaking with the spirit of faith” means speaking God’s word by the enabling of the Holy Spirit, believing that the spoken word (seed) carries creative power. This booklet approaches the subject from the New Testament and

from a charismatic perspective: the Holy Spirit empowers believers to speak God's word with authority and faith (sealed by baptism in the Holy Spirit and expressed in prayer, tongues, confession, and proclamation).

Biblical Foundation (Key Verses)

- John 1:1–4, 14 — The Word was God; the Word is life and light.
- Mark 11:22–24 / Matthew 21:21–22 — “Have faith in God... whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received, and you will.”
- 2 Corinthians 4:13 — “I believed, and therefore I spoke...”
- 2 Corinthians 1:24 — Paul: “not that we lord it over your faith, but working with you for your joy...”
- Romans 10:8–10 — Confession with the mouth and belief in the heart brings salvation.
- 1 Corinthians 2:4–5 — Paul: my message was in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

Jesus — Gospel Examples of Speaking with Authority and Faith

Below are selected Gospel passages where Jesus spoke words that produced supernatural result, demonstrating authority, faith and the creative power of the word.

- Matthew 8:5–13 / Luke 7:1–10 — The centurion's servant: Jesus heals from a distance because of faith; He affirms

faith's power.

- Matthew 9:2–8 / Mark 2:1–12 / Luke 5:17–26 — Forgives sins and heals the paralytic: Jesus speaks and heals; spiritual authority and physical restoration linked.
- Matthew 8:23–27 / Mark 4:35–41 / Luke 8:22–25 — Calms the storm: Jesus commands the sea, demonstrating control over nature by word.
- Mark 1:23–28 / Luke 4:33–36 — Casts out demons: Jesus rebukes spirits and they obey.
- John 5:1–9 — Heals at Bethesda: “Rise, take up your bed and walk.”
- Matthew 9:18–26 / Mark 5:21–43 / Luke 8:40–56 — Jairus' daughter and the woman with the issue of blood: Jesus speaks and restores life and health.
- John 11:38–44 — Raises Lazarus: “Lazarus, come forth.”
- Matthew 21:18–22 — Curses the fig tree and speaks about faith that moves mountains; “Whatever you ask in prayer, believe...”
- John 2:1–11 — Turns water into wine: Jesus' word and act bring abundance.
- John 6:5–14 — Feeds the 5,000: Jesus blesses and multiplies through spoken blessing and action.
- Matthew 12:22–23 — Heals demon-possessed and blind/mute; people marvel at His authority.
- John 1:1–14 — Jesus is the eternal Word: the model for spoken creative authority.

Note: In many Gospel scenes Jesus combines compassion,

command and the authority of the Father. He models the pattern: Word (command), Spirit (power), Result (miracle).

Peter — New Testament Examples of Speaking the Word of Faith

Peter, empowered by the Holy Spirit, repeatedly spoke with boldness and faith; his words brought conviction, healing, and the outpouring of the Spirit.

- Acts 2:14–41 — Pentecost sermon: Peter, filled with the Spirit, preaches Christ crucified and risen; 3,000 are saved.
- Acts 3:1–10 — Healing of the lame man at the temple gate: “In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk” (Acts 3:6).
- Acts 4:8–12 / 4:29–31 — Peter, filled with the Spirit, speaks boldly before rulers; the church prays and is filled for bold proclamation.
- Acts 5:29–32 — Peter testifies to Jesus’ resurrection and the giving of the Holy Spirit.
- Acts 9:36–42 — Raises Tabitha (Dorcas) from the dead: “Tabitha, arise.”
- Acts 10:34–48 — Peter’s message to Cornelius’ household; the Holy Spirit falls on Gentile believers and they speak in tongues—evidence of Spirit action following proclamation.
- 1 Peter 1:3–9 — Peter’s epistolary teaching on new birth, living hope, and faith refined by fire (teaches the nature of faith that speaks).

Paul — New Testament Examples and Teachings on the Word of Faith

Paul both preached and taught about faith and the creative power of God's word. He models proclamation backed by Spirit-power.

Acts Examples:

- Acts 13:9–12 — Paul (filled with the Spirit) rebukes Elymas the sorcerer; a supernatural judgment follows.
- Acts 14:8–10 — At Lystra Paul heals a man lame from birth: “Stand upright on your feet” (Acts 14:10).
- Acts 16:16–18 — Paul commands a spirit of divination: “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her” (Acts 16:18).
- Acts 19:11–12 — Extraordinary miracles through Paul's ministry (handkerchiefs).
- Acts 20:7–12 — Eutychus raised; Paul acts as God's servant and brings life.
- Acts 28:8–9 — Heals Publius' father and others on Malta.

Epistolary Teachings (Word-of-Faith Fundamentals):

- Romans 10:8–10 — Confession with mouth and belief leads to righteousness and salvation.
- Romans 1:16–17; 4:17–21 — Faith is counted as

righteousness; Paul points to Abraham as a model of faith that speaks and believes (Romans 4).

- 1 Corinthians 2:4–5 — Paul’s preaching is in demonstration of Spirit and power — faith should rest on God’s power.
- 2 Corinthians 4:13 — “I believed, and therefore I spoke” — Paul links inner faith to outward speech.
- 2 Corinthians 5:7; Galatians 2:20 — Walking by faith; faith’s life is lived and declared.
- Ephesians 6:17–18 / Romans 10 (confession, prayer) — Practical language of spiritual warfare and proclamation.

Practical Steps:

How to Speak in the Spirit of Faith

A concise, practical guide to cultivate faith-filled speaking.

- Root yourself in Scripture: Choose a clear Scripture promise (seed-word). Jesus and the apostles used Scripture as the authoritative seed.
- Believe first: Faith precedes the release. Speak from what you believe (Mark 11:23–24).
- Speak audibly and specifically: The spoken word is the seed. Be specific (person, need, promise).
- Use the name of Jesus: Boldly use Christ’s name—“In Jesus’ name...” (Acts examples).
- Submit to the Holy Spirit: Ask for the Spirit’s enabling. Pray for words to speak and for tongues as a means to build your spirit (1 Corinthians 14:2–4).

- Confession and thanksgiving: Confess what God says (Romans 10:9–10) and thank God as though you’ve received it (Mark 11:24).
- Exercise authority: Rebuke sickness, fear, or demonic influence when Scripture gives license—speak commands in Jesus’ name.
- Persevere: Speak the promise repeatedly; faith is often strengthened by repeated confession and by waiting on God.
- Community and accountability: Pray with fellow believers; corporate declarations and intercession amplify faith (Acts 4).

1. Short exercises and declarations

Daily practice (10–20 minutes):

2. Quiet your heart, ask the Holy Spirit to fill and guide you.
3. Read one promise (e.g., Isaiah 53:5; Psalm 103:2–3; Mark 11:23–24; Romans 8:11).
4. Pray in tongues 1–3 minutes to build your spirit (if you have that gift).
5. Confess the promise aloud, using first-person, present-tense speech: “By Jesus’ stripes I am healed. I receive health now. Thank You, Lord.” Be specific about outcomes.
6. If confronting a situation (sickness, fear), speak a command in Jesus’ name: “Sickness, I command you to leave now. In Jesus’ name, go!”
7. Give thanks and expect result.

Sample Declarations:

- “Jesus, by Your stripes I am healed. I receive healing now. Thank You, Father.”
- “I believe God’s Word about my family. I declare salvation to come to [name]. In Jesus’ name, let the Spirit draw them.”
- “Spirit of fear, I reject you. Holy Spirit, fill me with boldness now in Jesus’ name.”

A Short Prophetic Pattern (When Led by the Spirit):

- Seek the Lord; ask for a Word or Scripture.
- Speak the Scripture, then an interpretive application: “God says... therefore...”
- Release the word as a seed: “I declare this in Jesus’ name.”

Closing Exhortation and Prayer

Exhortation: The New Testament pattern is consistent: God’s power accompanies Word + Spirit. Jesus modeled it perfectly; Peter and Paul exercised it by faith. Grow in faith by daily hearing (Scripture), speaking (confession, proclamation), and submitting to the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues (prayer, tongues daily , fellowship). Do not rely on emotion alone; root your words in Scripture and in dependence on the Spirit.

A Brief Prayer:

“Father, thank You for Your living Word. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and give me words of faith to speak. Teach me to anchor my speech in Scripture and to release Your power in Jesus’ name. Increase my faith and make my words effective to bring healing, salvation and life. Amen.”

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Written By Elder Keith Joel Walker



CAN YOU FIND YOUR WAY BACK *Home?*

WRITTEN BY DR. JOHN R. CRIST

“ . . . Have you ever noticed, the further you get from home, the closer you get to where you belong?”

~ Mazda Advertisement ~

I know . . . ,

It's just an advertisement to entice you to purchase the new '26 Mazda CX-50 . . .

But what is it that makes us think, that if you have a good enough life, family, financial success, and “home,” that could ever deceive you into thinking there is something “better,” more attractive and seductively luring, that you could think

the farther you got away “from” the foundation that birthed and nurtured you; the closer you get to where you belong?

Indeed?

Where is it that you think you belong?

Galatians 3:1-3

O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

2 Timothy 3:12-16

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them;

And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

My so urgent challenge in this day of pursuing that ever elusive, mercurial pathway of “things sought, desired and even purchased, is this:

Can you find your way back home?

Do you even remember where that is?

Has your pursuit of that which leads you “away” from home, blinded you and so blurred your memory of your spiritual foundation, that your life no longer “echoes” any vibrations of the soul whose heartbeat was to reverberate and duplicate the heart of He that called us to Him?

I write and plead in respect of that urgency in the declaration to the Church at Ephesus as to who we are, in relationship to God; and the eyes of your understanding being phōtízō (illuminated) to be indelibly and irrevocably “burned” into the spiritual neurological pathways of your mind!

Ephesians 1:18

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Revelation 2:1-5

Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;

I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:

And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

Now;

Wanderer,

Sinner,

Backslider,

You who embrace the profoundly deceptive notion that you could be ever going forward, and yet forever “sliding back,” deeper and more entrenched in the ever-sucking morass of deceptive spiritual quicksand designed to lie to you and tell you, the further you get from home, the closer you get to where you belong:

Don't you think it's time to repent?

With whatever is left in your cognitive thinking, if you have not become so dysfunctional in your thinking; I beg of you, muster up within you, every faint memory of where your spiritual “home” is, and let the Divine Atlas and Map of Spiritual recovery lead you to that place of Restoration of Apostolic Relationship through Repentance and the renewing of the Holy Ghost in you!

I bring this to a close with the lyrics of a heart melting, yet hopeful anthem;

*Home is where the heart is,
And my heart's own home,
Though I never really had one,
To call my own,
I've been given a key,*

*By the Carpenter of Galilee,
With interest paid the title's made to me,*

*Everybody dreams,
Of going home it seems,
Lately I am no exception to the rule,
But home is so much more,
Than windows, walls and doors,
It's a warm embrace,
And smiling faces awaiting you,*

*Home, where there is no night,
Home, where the Son is the light,
The place I've been dreaming of so long,
Loved ones there to welcome me,
But His sweet face will be the first I see,
When my journey's over I am going home,*

When my journey's over I am going home!

Welcome Home! Look no further!

~ Dr. John R. Crist ~

~ The Breachmender CA 1987 ~

~ Committed To His Kingdom Purpose ~

The fire of Pentecost is still burning.
The Name of Jesus still saves.
And Acts 2:38 is still the message for today.

The Narrow Way Leaves No Room for Compromise

“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction... because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.” Matthew 7:13–14

Every generation of believers faces the same question: Will we preserve the truth entrusted to us, or reshape it to fit the world?

This is not only about doctrine but devotion. Each generation must choose between conforming to God’s unchanging Word or letting the spirit of the age redefine its convictions. Cultures shift, governments change, and moral standards evolve, yet one truth remains: The Word of God is forever settled.

The Church was never called to echo society but to proclaim God’s voice.

Compromise rarely begins with open rebellion. What seems minor gradually reshapes the heart until convictions fade and spiritual sensitivity dulls.

Jesus never offered an easier path. He said:
“Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”
The narrow way is not difficult because God desires

hardship, but because truth cannot be broadened without being changed. When God's path is widened to suit human desires, it ceases to be His. A gospel shaped by culture may gain approval but loses its power.

The modern Church faces a subtle temptation: To measure success by attendance instead of transformation, popularity instead of purity, influence instead of obedience. Yet Scripture defines success by faithfulness, not numbers.

The gospel given to the Apostles needs no improvement. It still calls for repentance, baptism in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, the infilling of the Holy Ghost, and a life of holiness reflecting Christ.

These are not human traditions but divine truths entrusted to the Church. Our responsibility is not to modernize them, but to preach them with conviction, live them with humility, and pass them on unchanged.

Perhaps the greatest danger today is not external persecution but internal accommodation. Persecution has often purified God's people, while comfort has weakened them. When acceptance outweighs obedience, compromise has taken root.

Every believer must guard their spirit. Prayer strengthens conviction, Scripture remains the final authority, and fellowship with God provides discernment in an age of growing deception.

The Apostle Paul wrote,

“Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.” (Romans 12:2)

These words remain urgent. A transformed mind does not ask, “How close can I come to the world?” Rather, “How can I reflect Christ?”

There is no peace in divided loyalties. One cannot walk with Christ while accommodating the world. Every step toward Him is a step away from worldly thinking, and every act of obedience deepens fellowship with Him.

The Church belongs to Jesus Christ. Her message is not hers to rewrite or to redefine, and her convictions not hers to surrender. We are stewards of the faith once delivered to the saints, and that trust demands faithfulness.

The broad way attracts crowds because it asks little and promises much. The narrow way calls for repentance, holiness, surrender, and obedience, And its reward is eternal life.

May we never exchange eternal truth for temporary acceptance or trade conviction for convenience. Never value human approval above God's.

For the narrow way leaves no room for compromise.

Written by *Brother Martin Rina*

A Special Report from Uganda



Praise Jesus Bishop Joel Walker and Pastor Donna Walker, we greet you in the Mighty Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we greatly want to thank you for the support you are extending towards World Harvest Apostolic Pentecostal Churches in Uganda and Africa at Large.

We thank God for the people that are getting saved and Baptized, filled with the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues according to Acts 2:38 through our Lord Jesus Christ. I as Apostle Frank I humbly thank God that the Ministry is growing rapidly and reaching out to numerous regions in Uganda and outside Uganda in Jesus' name.

REPORT ON THE CHURCHES LOCATED IN UGANDA WITHIN THEIR DISTRICTS.

A number of people have got saved in Uganda and in Tanzania and thereafter we conducted baptism in the two countries as listed below. In Uganda so far this Year, 2,740 people have got saved out of these 1,705 were baptized in the name of Jesus through the remission of sins as according to Acts 2:38, 850 were filled with the Holy ghost and were to speak in tongues in Jesus name, 300 Pastors from Trinitarians were rebaptised in Jesus name and turned to oneness of God revelation and now counting 165 churches of World Harvest Pentecostal Church in Uganda.

In western Uganda we have 7 churches in Kisoro district, 8 churches in Isingiro district, 10 churches in Kamwenge district, 15 churches in Mbarara District, 20 churches in Bushenyi district, 20 churches in Kabarole district, 17 in Rukungiri district 12 church in Kiruhura District, 12 churches in Ibanda District. In the Central region we have 17 churches Mukono district, 12 churches in Kampala District, Masaka district, 17 churches in Rakai District, 20 churches in Kalungu district, 10 churches in mubende district 5 churches in Kyotera district, 4 churches in Kalangala islands, 7 churches in Buvuma islands, 9 churches in

Kayunga district, 11 churches in Lyantonde district, 8 churches in Luweero District, 17 churches in Kiboga District.

In eastern region we have 11 churches, 10 churches in Namyingo district, 6 churches in Namutumba district Bugiri district, 3 churches in Soroti district, 18 churches in Mbale city, 20 churches in Serere district.

In West Nile region: 12 churches in Arua district, 12 churches in Kitgum, 7 Churches in Apac District, 20 churches in Kumi district, 13 churches in Moroto district 16 churches in Adjumani district 9 churches in Moyo district, 18 churches in Gulu district, 8 church in Pakwach district.

On 5th July 2026 am going to go in Kiboga District to ordain a Pastor and place demarcations on the land we received where the church is sitting in Bukomero. My transport and accommodation is \$170 .

On the 22nd of January 2027, we have a general conference at our Church World Harvest Pentecostal Church and I humbly want you to be the main speaker in that conference if the Lord enables you. But if it has not happened we hope you support us with food which people who will attend will feed on.

“Repent,” Peter said to them, “and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus the Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Through you and your support, pastors of Uganda and Africa at large must worship one God, one Faith and one Baptism in Jesus name Acts 2:38.

Yours in His service,

PROJECT COMMISSION

Acts 2:38

UNTIL ALL TRIBES, TONGUES AND KINDREDS
HAVE THE CHANCE TO HEAR THE ACTS 2:38
MESSAGE AT LEAST ONCE

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We are entering a time of global shaking — spiritual, economic, and ecclesiastical. Out of that shaking there will be both a great falling away and a great outpouring. The New Testament Bride — the Apostolic Pentecostal church Acts 2:38 Bride Message Church — will experience a final “third pull” and Final exodus: a mass turning to the message of Acts 2:38, rebaptism in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues, as on the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4; 17-33; 38-39). This turning and repentance will be accompanied by a cleansing of the temple — the Bride, corporate body will be purified with the fire of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues and the nine gifts in operation along with the Apostolic Pentecostal The Third Pull — The Third Exodus - The Third Cleansing Fivefold Ministry and prepared as the habitation of God.

Let's get behind Project Commission!

An excerpt extracted from 'The Third Pull' booklet written by Elder Keith J. Walker. To read more visit whpctuttle.com/whpcebooks

Biblical Holiness
The Beauty of Living Unto God

Written by Elder Gary Martin

Introduction

Holiness is one of the most misunderstood subjects in Christianity today. To some, it is little more than a collection of outward standards. To others, it has become an outdated doctrine that no longer applies to a modern society. Still others believe holiness is optional, something reserved only for ministers or especially devoted believers.

The Scriptures teach something entirely different.

From Genesis to Revelation, holiness is presented as the very character of God and the expected lifestyle of His people. The Bible never portrays holiness as man's invention; rather, it is God's own nature revealed in humanity. Before there was ever a church, a tabernacle, or a written commandment, God Himself was holy. His holiness is eternal because His nature is eternal.

Because God is holy, everything associated with Him must likewise be holy.

The angels surrounding His throne continually proclaim His holiness. The prophets trembled in His presence because of His holiness. The apostles preached holiness

to the early church. The Lord Jesus Christ lived holiness before mankind and commanded His followers to imitate Him.

The purpose of biblical holiness is not merely to make people different from society. Its purpose is to make believers more like God.

Holiness is not primarily about restrictions.

Holiness is about relationship.

Holiness is not bondage.

Holiness is liberty from the bondage of sin.

Holiness is not merely external.

Holiness begins in the heart and transforms the entire life. Throughout Scripture, whenever God drew people close to Himself, He always called them to holiness.

When Moses approached the burning bush, the Lord declared:

Exodus 3:5

“And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.”

The ground itself possessed no supernatural quality. It became holy because God was present.

This principle appears repeatedly throughout the Scriptures:

- God's presence produces holiness.
- God's Word reveals holiness.
- God's Spirit empowers holiness.
- God's people are called to live holiness.

The modern church desperately needs a renewed appreciation for biblical holiness. Our generation has witnessed remarkable advances in technology, communication, and education. Yet no amount of cultural progress can replace obedience to God's Word.

God has never lowered His standard because society has lowered its morals.

His Word remains forever settled.

Malachi 3:6

"For I am the LORD, I change not..."

Likewise, Hebrews declares:

Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."
The God who called Israel to holiness still calls His Church to holiness.

The Savior who forgave sinners also commanded them to

leave their sins behind.

The Holy Ghost that filled believers on the Day of Pentecost still produces holy lives today.

The Meaning of Holiness

The Hebrew word most often translated holy carries the thought of being set apart, consecrated, sacred, and belonging exclusively to God.

The Greek word found throughout the New Testament carries the same beautiful meaning.

To be holy is to be separated from sin and dedicated unto God.

This separation is never simply negative.

It is always positive.

God does not merely call His people away from something.

He calls them unto Someone.

Holiness is not simply avoiding evil.

Holiness is pursuing Christ.

Leviticus 20:26

“And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy,

and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.”

Notice the beautiful order.

God first says, “Ye shall be holy unto me.”

Only afterward does He explain that He has separated His people from the nations.

The emphasis is not merely separation from the world.

It is separation unto God.

Everything else flows naturally from that relationship.

Highlights of Biblical Holiness

- Holiness begins with God’s character.
- Holiness begins in the heart before it appears outwardly.
- Holiness affects every area of life.
- Holiness is produced through obedience to God’s Word.
- Holiness is empowered by the Holy Ghost.
- Holiness is evidence of genuine discipleship.
- Holiness prepares believers for eternity.

The Holiness of God

No study of holiness can begin with mankind.

It must begin with God Himself.

Before there were angels...

Before there was heaven as we know it...

Before there was earth...

Before there was time...

God was holy.

Holiness is not something God possesses apart from Himself.

Holiness is who He is.

Everything He does flows from His holy nature.

Everything He commands reflects His holy character.

Everything He judges demonstrates His holy righteousness.

Isaiah was given one of the greatest visions ever recorded in Scripture.

He did not first see God's power.

He did not first see God's wisdom.

He did not first see God's love.

He first saw God's holiness.

Isaiah 6:1-3

"In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple.

Above it stood the seraphims: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly.

And one cried unto another, and said,

Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The seraphim did not cry that God is merely powerful.

They did not proclaim only His wisdom.

They emphasized His holiness.

The repetition of “Holy, holy, holy” is not accidental. It is the strongest possible declaration that God’s holiness is perfect, complete, and without equal.

When Isaiah encountered that holiness, he immediately recognized his own condition.

Isaiah 6:5

“Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”

This is always the result of a genuine encounter with God. We become less impressed with ourselves and more aware of His greatness.

Holiness humbles pride.

Holiness exposes sin.

Holiness produces repentance.

Holiness transforms lives.

This same holy God now calls every believer to reflect His character in everyday living.

The call has never changed.

The invitation remains open.

The responsibility remains clear.

The holy God still seeks a holy people.

The next article will cover **“The Holiness of God Revealed Throughout the Old Testament”**, tracing holiness from Creation through the Patriarchs, Moses, the Tabernacle, the Priesthood, and the Prophets while continuing to build the biblical foundation for practical Christian holiness.