

Chapter 7

HOLINESS – HIGHEST ATTRIBUTE

God's Purpose in Restoration of Mankind

Since Truth is reality as ONLY GOD knows it, then Truth necessarily recognizes, serves, or teaches **Holiness (reality as God Creates and Exists only in perfect pure Holiness)**.

Truth is serving Holiness (reality), as ONLY GOD knows it, Therefore, Truth recognizes and separates (hates) all forms of EVIL. God separates from those who have deliberately disobeyed and revolted against His Holiness, and those who teach less than His Truth and live with less than His Love OF TRUTH AND HOLINESS.

Dear ones, the purpose of God for us on this earth is Holiness, without which no man will see God (Heb 12:14). We are in God's training ground for Holiness and righteousness, through our Free-choice obedience to His Presence and Attributes within us. "Marvel not, ye MUST be born-from-above" (John 3:7).

The verb, hagiazo, Strg. 37, "**to make Holy.**" is not found in the future tense in all the new Testament. "For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, **NOW** is the accepted time; behold, **NOW** is the day of salvation" (2 Cor 6:2).

Purpose of Christ's Advocacy and Restoration (Atonement)

We have an Advocate if we sin, and our Life by new-birth is given to us to be Holy as He is Holy. This must be our intention. However, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us"(1 Jn 1:8). "In all things we offend (fall or sin) all...." James 3:2

We are told that "if we judge ourselves, we should not be condemned. But when we are judged we are chastened (present passive indicative) of the Lord, that we might not be condemned (aorist passive subjunctive--possibility) with the world." 1 Cor. 11:31-32.

We are chastened "for (eis) the advantage, to be partaking (aorist active infinitive)] of His Holiness.....to pursue, dioko, (present active imperative--

commanded) ...Holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb 12:10,14.

Paul said, "I press (dioko) toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3:14).

Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing" (Phil 3:12-16).

Any chastening is "for our profit, to be partaking (aorist active infinitive) (the) Holiness of His....it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.... make straight paths for your feet, follow (present active imperative) peace (feminine) with all men, and (the) Holiness (masculine), without which (masculine) no man shall see (future middle indicative) the Lord:

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up might be troubling (present active subjunctive) you, and thereby many might be defiled (aorist passive subjunctive); Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears" (Heb 12:10-17).

God's purpose through Christ death and resurrection was definitely NOT to make an accounting sheet entry of imputed (accounted) righteousness, sufficient to get even the most evil continuing sinner into Heaven. His purpose in His death and resurrection was to restore man to a Living relationship with Him on earth by actually Justly indwelling any repenting and committing person with His own indwelling "imparted" righteousness (right-relationship) and true Holiness of Himself in us.

This indwelling Mind of Christ in us is what the scriptures call "FAITH," given after a person illuminated by the Holy Spirit. We deliberately decide to turn from our

selfish ways to commit our entire being and living to serve our Glorified (Spiritually Perfect and Holy) Lord Creator.

And through our obedience to Christ's indwelling Presence, called faith, Christ makes to Himself a people of His possession, a Bride adorned in pureness of righteousness (right-relatedness) through His Son's enabling in us, a Holy people for His possession, given to His indwelling and Living Holiness, Truth, Love, and Righteousness; a possession being fashioned into the image of His Son while living here on earth.

"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (1 Sam 15:22) . This is simply a person living in obedience to the faith of Christ within himself. This is God's purpose for us. "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification (38, hagiasmos, **personal Holiness**)" (1 Thess 4:3), your being set-apart, Holy.

Indeed, in the scriptures the very word translated "saints," is literally "**Holies**" in the original Greek. There is no singular "saint," addressed as such, in scripture.

God's Purpose for Man on Earth is Holiness--Man's appropriation.

Once we think that no intention of man, concerning sin, can in any way be involved with salvation or our relationship to God, we have forsaken God's salvation intention for man, and literally God's intended salvation of us.

We not only misinterpret Christ's Advocacy in Heaven for us, we deny His purpose for us on earth. In both the O.T and the N.T God's purpose is always the same. He changes not. His purpose was and is always our Holiness, so that we may dwell in His Presence forever.

In the O.T.:

For thou art an Holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth. Deut 14:2.

And the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments; And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an Holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken. Deut 26:18-19.

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? **who shall dwell in thy Holy hill?** He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the Truth in his heart.....In whose eyes a vile person is contemned [despised]; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. Ps 15:1,2,4

In the N.T.:

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an Holy nation, a people for (eis) a possession; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out from (ek) darkness into His marvellous light.....Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from (not with or in) all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee. (1 Pet 2:9; Titus 2:14-15)

Who are kept by the power of God through (dia) faith unto (eis, for the purpose or result of) salvation ready to be revealed in (ev) the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ.....

As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as he which hath called you is Holy, **so be** (aorist passive imperative--command to obedience of Christ in you, faith, by your own volition, middle voice intended of passive as previously explained) **ye HOLY in all manner of behavior**; Because it is written, ye are being (future middle --on own behalf, indicative) Holy; for I am (present active indicative) Holy. And if ye call on the Father, **who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work**, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear. (1 Pet 1:5-7,14-17)

God's purpose for man throughout the Bible is repeatedly stated:

"HOLINESS, without which no man shall see the Lord." Heb. 12:14

"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." Matt 5:8

The evil Dispensational "grace" regardless teachers say that No man need have any intention of Holiness to go to Heaven; nor even any intention to serve their Lord God in any manner, nor any moral intention whatsoever. They say, "Just make a mental notation of trust = believe that he died for you, for getting a permanent home in Heaven when you die." Nothing else is necessary, they say. Isn't this grace wonderful, they say.

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"Separation from evil is the necessary first principle of communion with Him ... Separation from evil is His principle of unity"

IF THE GOSPEL'S PURPOSE IS PERVERTED--MAN'S NECESSARY RESPONSE IS ALSO PERVERTED.

As they pervert Christ's Atonement Purpose for us, and His Advocacy in Heaven for us negating any necessary response for practical Holiness, the Dispensational "grace" regardless doctorates of Dallas Theological Seminary and most all Seminaries and Bible Schools have completely perverted the purpose of the gospel and also man's necessary response to the gospel.

This is exactly what the Dispensational "grace" regardless cult, denying the necessity of Lordship and Holiness in a person's Life, has been allowed to pervert within all Bible schools and Fundamentalism in the past 100 years. And the results in our churches and society are devastating. Our daily experiences with professing Christians confirm this.

We have become a reprobate society and our churches are apostate voodoo and jungle beat of the witch doctorates of Dispensational theology. The resulting Emergent church is pure godless evil now in the first decade of 2000.

The purpose of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and the necessary commanded response expected of man have been totally perverted away FROM HOLINESS. All of Historic Christianity has been redefined and denied. And this apostasy has slowly been taking over the USA Christendom for the past 100 years. NOW our society and church is reprobate and pagan, worshipping another god.

Since these last two changes, the purpose and the response to the gospel, initiated by Dallas Theological Seminary in this country, have been totally changed from the gospel of all of previous historic Christianity. Our churches and evangelism efforts are bearing many numbers, but very little fruit in changed lives of Holiness in our churches. The resulting society after 100 years is now turned pagan. It is pagan in religion and behavior.

There is so little change in professing Christians, it seems that so-called Christians and Christian activities have become a travesty of hypocrisy and our society has turned evil and apostate. Many surveys concerning attitudes and behaviors in the world in recent years show essentially no difference between so-called Christians who go to churches today and the non-Christians in the world.

Within the Baptists, we are told they actually have more divorces than society at large.