BECOMING DISCIPLES

September 7, 2025 | Pursue Holiness
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SERMON NOTES

You are CALLED to LIVE a life after God ' s Holiness. (1 Peter 1:15-16)

How do you live a life of holiness?

1. Set Your HOPE on Jesus (1 Peter 1:13-14)

I pursue HOLINESS because I have a HOLY God.

2. Put SIN to DEATH (Colossians 3:5, Galatians 5:19-21)

How do you put sin to death?
RELY on the Spirit ' s Power (Romans 8:13)
PRACTICE Confession (1 John 1:9)
REPLACE Sinful Desires with God ' s Word (Colossians 3:16)
ACCOUNTABLE through Community (Hebrews 3:13)
Fixing your EYES on Jesus (Hebrews 12:1-2)

You cannot pursue holiness and CODDLE sin at the same time.

3. BEAR the Spirit ' s Fruit (Galatians 5:22-23)

Holiness is displayed when the SPIRIT produces Christ ' s character IN ME.

GOING DEEPER

Take a moment to pray. Confess your need for the Holy Spirit ’ s help in illuminating God ’ s Word to you.

Read 1 Peter 1:13-16

1. Why is God ’ s character the foundation for our pursuit of holiness? How does knowing who God is shape who we are?

2. What does it mean to “ set your hope fully on the grace of Christ ”? How does hope motivate holiness in ways guilt or fear do not?

3. 1 Peter 1:14 contrasts “ obedient children ” with “ evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ” What are some of the old passions or patterns that you must leave behind? Why do these old ways feel so tempting to go back to?

Read Colossians 3:5 and Galatians 5:19-21

4. Paul commands us to “ put to death ” what is earthly in us. From the sermon on Sunday, which practical way of putting sin to death sticks out to you? Which one have you applied before? Are there any areas listed in Galatians 5:19-21 that you need to put to death today?

Read Galatians 5:22-23

5. Why is it important to remember that the fruit of the Spirit is produced by the Spirit, not manufactured by us? Which fruit do you see God already growing in you? Which fruit feels the hardest to display right now?

Prayer Focus

Spend the next few moments thanking God for His holiness and His desire to make us holy. Confess areas where sin still needs to be put to death in your life today. Ask the Spirit to bear fruit in your life this week.

UPCOMING

Sign-ups are OPEN for City Serve Day! Sign up in app or online

Men ’ s Steak, Shooting & S ’ mores event | Sat, Sept. 20th | RSVP on events page

Prime Timer ’ s Breakfast | Thurs, Sept. 18th, 8:30am | Kelly ’ s Cafe