

# **Holiness is Not an Option—Holiness of Christ**

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I. Introduction.

II. Holiness is not an option... (Titus 2:11ff)

A. Because it is God's plan that Christians should live a holy life. (Titus 2:14)

1. Holiness describes a life cleansed from sin.

2. This was why Jesus came and died for us.

B. Because holiness is turning away from sin and turning to Christ. (Titus 2:12)

C. Because the gospel teaches us to live a godly life.

III. What holiness is: a turning from sin and turning to God.

A. The grace of God is a whole suit of clothes. We did not receive Christ in such a way that we should go on sinning. (Ephesians 4:17)

B. Our new self has created us to be like God in righteousness and holiness.

IV. Questions and answers.

V. Because Jesus paid for our sins we can present ourselves before God boldly. (Hebrews 10:13)

A. The more we desire to be holy, the more we are prone to guilt for failures.

B. We need the holiness of Christ when we face temptation. (Ephesians 4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5; John 8:29)

C. We must not be presumptuous by having the view of God's holiness and standard.

D. We must not be discouraged by having the view of what we were.

E. God credits us with the righteousness of Jesus.

VI. Jesus is our example. (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18)

VII. Questions and answers.

**Application questions:**

1. Why is holiness not an option?

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2. What perspective should Christians have about present sin in light of the holiness and provision of Jesus?

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3. What is your action plan for growing in holiness? Explain.

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